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Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program

**Class XII
Session 5
Houston/Gulf Coast
July 26 - 29, 2011**

“Energy, Ecology, Environment”



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Comfort Suites

1055 McNee Road; Houston, Texas 77054; (713) 668-1436

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TUESDAY - July 26, 2011

Presiders: Ernest Bailes & Amanda Dyer

Attire:Business Casual

Transportation.....Personal Vehicle

1:00 p.m. Meet at Scott’s Miracle-Gro Company, Southwest Region
1330 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77380
Contact: Vanessa Shepherd, 832/458-3031
You may park anywhere as long as it is not reserved.
Meet in Suite 430.

1:30 p.m. Welcome and Business Overview Jim Tates
President
Southwest Region

2:30 p.m. Innovation Driving Our Future..... Jeff Garascia
Senior Vice President
Global Research & Development

3:30 p.m. Environmental Stewardship, Sustainability and Government Affairs
..... **Richard Shank**
Senior Vice President
Regulatory & Government Affairs and Chief Environmental Officer

4:00 p.m. Questions and Answers

4:30 p.m. Depart for Comfort Suites or Minute Maid Park in personal vehicle

Reception Location Minute Maid Park
501 Crawford Street, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77002, 713-259-8500 or 713-259-8800
Free parking available in the Diamond Lot or Lot A.
Enter the Diamond Lot off of Texas Avenue near Hamilton Street and
access the ballpark through the Clock Tower Home Plate entrance.

Presiding..... Jim Mazurkiewicz
Attire:Business Casual

6:30 p.m. “Urban Community Agricultural Industries” Social and Reception

Opening Remarks..... Charlie Hall
Ellison Endowed Chair in International Floriculture

Introductions..... Linda Willis
Harris County Extension Director, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Welcome..... The Honorable Ed Emmet
Harris County Judge

Urban Community Agriculture Industry Presentations:

Landscape..... Amy Graham
President, Texas Nursery & Landscape Association

Turf.....Ken Gorzycki
Director of Agronomy, Horseshoe Bay Resort

Pest..... Eric Malass
Past President, Texas Pest Control Association

“Today’s Lawn and Garden Industry in Texas”..... Jim Tates
President-Southwest Region, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company

**“Issues Facing the Urban Community Agriculture Industry in Texas”
.....The Honorable Todd Staples**
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

TALL XII Class Introductions..... Jim Mazurkiewicz
Leadership Program Director, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Houston Astros Playing Field Tour..... Dan Bergstrom
Senior Director of Major League Field Operations, Houston Astros Baseball Club

Closing..... Charlie Hall

Signature Sponsor: 

8:30 a.m. Adjourn for the evening

WEDNESDAY - July 27, 2011

Presiding:..... Tanya Foerster & Jose Luis Garza

Attire:Business Casual

Transportation:Charter Bus

Breakfast:.....Free Continental Breakfast in Hotel

6:15 a.m. Group assembles in hotel lobby

6:30 a.m. Depart hotel via bus to Glueck's Nursery
1098 Tree Farm Rd, Alleyton, TX 78933

NOTE: Someone will meet the bus at the entrance

7:30 a.m. Tour Glueck's Nursery - Operation and Management Overview

..... **Chris Glueck**

Charles and Mickey Glueck - Owners

Family members involved in operation:

Jeff Glueck, Doug Glueck, Danette Cantu, Jacey Nawara

NOTE: Chris Glueck and John Gertson will accompany group on the bus

9:00 a.m. Depart for Ricetec
3055 FM 3013, Eagle Lake, TX 77434

9:30 a.m. RiceTec Inc.- Hybrid Seed Rice

Cleaning & Processing Facility..... Chris Glueck

Production Representative

10:30 a.m. Depart for Gertson Farms Partnership headquarters &
Lissie Flying Service
1000 CR 271 Lissie, TX 77454

11:00 a.m. Rice Production-Gertson Headquarters

Equipment/Grain Drying/Flying Service/Harvesting..... John Gertson

Partner/Gertson Farms

Presiding..... Marsha Moss and Bruce Fleming

12:00 p.m. Lunch sponsored by:

•**Gertson Farms Partnership & Lissie Flying Service**

•**Tom Kelley**

1:00 p.m. Depart for Hungerford to tour JD Hudgins Ranch
50 miles SW of Houston, on US Hwy 59
and Goudeau Farms, 1233 CR 214, Hungerford, TX 77448

1:30 p.m. JD Hudgins Ranch Coleman Locke
President, J. D. Hudgins Inc.

Goudeau Farms..... Michael Goudeau
Partner

3:00 p.m. Depart for El Campo for bus tour of:
Gulf Coast row crops
Fish Farm

4:30 p.m. Prasek’s Hillje Smokehouse..... Mike Prasek, Jr.
29714 US 59 Hwy, El Campo, TX 77437 Owner

5:30 p.m. Depart for El Campo Civic Center
2350 North Mechanic Street, El Campo

Presiding: Jim Mazurkiewicz

6:30 p.m. “Cattleman’s Night” Social

7:30 p.m. Dinner & Program

Opening Remarks.....Jim Mazurkiewicz
Leadership Program Director and Professor
Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Welcome.The Honorable Phillip Spenrath
Wharton County Judge

Invocation.The Honorable Richard Young
El Campo Mayor

Dinner

Special Guest Introductions..... Peter McGuill
County Extension Agent – AG/NR Wharton County
Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Speaker Introduction..... Ed Erwin
TALL Alumnus – Class X

“Issues Facing the Agriculture Industry and Texas”
.....**The Honorable Glenn Hegar**
Texas State Senator, District 18

Class Introductions.....TALL XII

Closing Remarks: Jim Mazurkiewicz

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Windmark Insurance Services

8:30 p.m. Adjourn for evening

Thursday, July 28, 2011

Presiding: Kimberly Ratcliff and Klint Forbes

Attire:.....Business Casual

TransportationCharter Bus

Breakfast:.....Free Continental Breakfast in Hotel

6:45 a.m. Assemble in hotel lobby

7:00 a.m. Depart via bus for Port of Houston Authority
12619 Port Road, Seabrook, TX 77586
Contact: Sharon Chamblee, Administrative Coordinator II ,281/291-6002

8:00 a.m. Welcome/PHA Overview/Mission..... Roger Guenther
Vice President, Container Terminals

8:20 a.m. PHA Trade and Initiatives. Ricky Kunz
Vice President, Origination

8:40 a.m. Channel Development/Dredging Mark Vincent
Director of Channel Development

9:20 a.m. PHA Environmental Initiatives Aston Hinds
Sr. Manager, Environmental Affairs

9:40 a.m. Security Initiatives at the Port..... Mark Smith
Chief of Port Police

10:00 a.m. Turning Basin Facilities/Operations..... Angus Hanes
Assistant Terminal Manager, Turning Basin

10:20 a.m. Container Terminal Operations..... Roger Guenther
Vice President, Container Terminals

10:45 a.m. Tour of Bayport. Ryan Mariacher
Planning and Analysis Manager

Presiding: Linda Ryan and Michael Goudeau

12:00 p.m. Lunch sponsored by:
Bonfire Wings – Oscar (TALL VI) & Denise Taylor
(2nd Floor Conference Room #201)

1:30 p.m. Depart for Cargill
16150 Peninsula St, Houston, TX 77015

2:00 p.m. Arrive at Cargill

- Check in at guard station for security purposes.
- Be prepared to show ID's.
- Go to the administration building and enter thru the glass doors. Michael Allen and Bart George will greet you.

Power point presentation on how the plant functions followed by Q&A..... Michael Allen
..... Bart George
Grain Merchants

Tour of facility (weather permitting)

4:00 p.m. Depart for hotel

4:30 p.m. Arrive back at hotel

Dinner on your own.
Free time!

NOTE:

- 1) No alcohol consumption prior to HPD Ride-Along Program
- 2) Blue jeans are not allowed. (We need to look professional but be comfortable)
- 3) If you are scheduled for the "HPD Ride-Along Program" you must be back in the hotel lobby by 9:30 p.m.

HPD Ride-Along participants:

10:00 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby for the HPD Night Ride-Along Program

10:30 p.m..... Depart for Night Rides (See note below)

Optional Ride-Along Program with Houston Police Department

10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. – Full Shift

Presiding:..... Jim Mazurkiewicz
Attire:Wear comfortable slacks/khakis *but no blue jeans and comfortable rubber soled shoes*

NOTE:

Bring lunch money, NO neckties, NO purses, NO bags, NO backpacks, NO cameras, NO knives, NO guns,, NO tape recorders, NO interviews

FRIDAY - July 29, 2011

Presiding: Cassie Schulte and Jim Hunt

Attire:.....Business Casual

Breakfast:.....Free Continental Breakfast in Hotel

Meeting Room:..... ..Comfort Suites -1st Floor, next to breakfast area

NOTE: Check out of hotel

Presider Note: Please set up laptop and projector for speaker .

Hotel will set up screen

10:00 a.m. “The Outlook for Energy: A View to 2030” Steve Maples
Project Manager, Hawkins NRU Project
US Production/ExxonMobil Production Company

12:00 p.m. Session Adjourn