

Dear Regents,

It is time for us to start making our plans for the Annual Council Meeting in March!

This year we will celebrate Texas DBE operating 75 years in the State of Texas! We will be holding the 75th ACM in League City, TX near beautiful Clear Lake. The event will be at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Boulevard, League City, TX 77573. The beautiful hotel is directly on the harbour and has a wonderful view as will our room for the meeting on Saturday.

The ACM will kick off at 3pm on March 22nd with a Welcome Reception/Registration at the hotel. There will be a dinner gathering Friday night, at the South Shore Grille which is close to the hotel. On Saturday, the business meeting will start at 8:30 am, lunch will be served and then dinner at the hotel. We still have details to work out, more information to come.

Despite rising costs, we have been able to limit the costs for the festivities, so the cost of the 75th Annual ACM will be \$58.00 for your registration, \$42.00 for your lunch on Saturday and \$50.00 for your dinner on Saturday for a total of \$150.00. The room rate at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Hotel is \$145 per night plus tax and includes breakfast.

Please make your hotel reservations now, by going online using the link: https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=16587&nights=1&checkin=3/21/2024&group=2403TEXASD&lang=en-us

(Alternatively, you can call (281) 334-1000 and ask to make a reservation for the <u>Texas Daughters of the British Empire 75</u> group.)

The deadline for getting all registrations and reservations made is March 1, 2024.

I want to emphasize that we really hope to see all of our members to celebrate our 75th Anniversary with us!

If you have questions, please call or email me at dbetx1stvp@gmail.com. See you soon!



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Things to do in Clear Lake

Kemah Boardwalk: Kemah Boardwalk is home to fabulous waterfront restaurants, amusements, charming retail stores, festivals and seaside shows every day.



Address:
215 Kipp Ave
Kemah. TX 77565

NASA Space Center Houston: Space Center Houston is a science museum that serves as the official visitor center of NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston.



Address: 1601 E. NASA Parkway Houston, TX 77058

Baybrook Mall in Friendswood: With over 200 stores at your disposal, Baybrook Mall and surrounding area will satisfy your shopping cravings.



Address: 500 Baybrook Mall Friendswood, TX 77546

Clear Lake History

Clear Lake City is on State Highway 3 a mile west of Clear Lake in southeast Harris County. In 1938 James Marion West sold 30,000 acres in southern Harris County, including the West family ranch, to Humble Oil and Refining Company (later Exxon Company, U.S.A.). In 1961 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration selected Houston as the site for its Manned Spacecraft Center (renamed the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in 1973), built initially on a 1,000-acre tract of the former West ranch.

Clear Lake City was annexed to Houston in 1977. A utility shortage temporarily halted construction of new homes, but in 1988 the community led the Houston area in the sale of new, single-family homes. The diversified economy, which rests on the aerospace industry, retail business, and recreation and tourism, enabled Clear Lake City to weather the economic downturns that affected Houston during the 1980s. In fiscal year 1988 the Johnson Space Center, which employed 3,302 permanent civil-service employees, alone pumped almost \$860 million into the Houston economy.

Tourists frequent numerous annual events in the area, including the Clear Lake Spring Fling and Boating Festival in April, the Lunar Rendezvous Festival in July, the Blessing of the Fleet in August, the Armand Bayou Nature Center Fall Festival in October, and the Christmas Boat Lane Parade. Nearby Kemah is also a very popular attraction with restaurants and amusements for everyone.

It is the largest water authority in Texas and is funded through the sale of tax-exempt municipal bonds and water and sewer service. The estimated population of Clear Lake City in 1980 was 22,000.



