

# the Afterglow

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## CRA President's Message

Several retirees have recently asked, "What do CRA board members do?" Well, I am glad you asked.

First, the purpose of the CRA is to provide a communications link between ConocoPhillips and our retirees. That includes retirees of Conoco, Phillips and ConocoPhillips, retiree spouses or surviving retiree spouses located in the greater Kay County area. We also endeavor to provide social activities, other activities of interest, and provide an opportunity for retirees to assist ConocoPhillips in the community through a variety of volunteer projects.

The CRA Board consists of five officers and six additional voting directors elected at the annual meeting. Elected to a one-year term, officers may serve four consecutive years in the same office. Directors shall serve for two years and may not serve more than two consecutive terms without a minimum of a one-year absence.

The board meets on the first Monday of each month. The president presides at all meetings. The vice president presides in the absence of the President and has the additional responsibility of coordinating meeting programs. Norma Buffalow has done a wonderful job providing for meeting accommodations and securing interesting and informative guest speakers.

Deryn Stewart is our new board secretary and is a true professional in every sense of the word. She maintains accurate and detailed minutes of all meetings and does a great job. Don Sprueill is our new treasurer and is doing an excellent job. He is responsible for all receipts, deposits and disbursements of CRA operating funds. Darryl Klopp is serving as the immediate past president and is a resource to the board to provide continuity with past terms. His thoroughness and organizational skills have proven to be extremely helpful.

Chris Martens is serving his first term on the board and is working as the Garfield School Liaison, and he has cheerfully taken on the task of assisting the school with the relocation of playground equipment from Washington School to Garfield Park.

Jim Capeheart brings a wealth of creativity to the board, and he has already used his artistic talents to create a new CRA logo and letterhead

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## Calendar – 2010

### General Meetings – Pioneer Technology

10 a.m., second Monday of the month July 12 and Oct. 11

Our Annual Meeting will be held during the Oct. 11 General Meeting. We will be replacing three current board members whose terms expire at the end of the year.

### Other Activities (Dates to be determined)

September – United Way Financial Campaign and ConocoPhillips Health Fair  
November – Annual Holiday Certificate Giveaway  
December – Medicare Part-D Prescription Drug Assistance

### Social Activities

Christmas Dinner – Thursday, Dec. 9, Ponca City Country Club

### CRA website

If you don't find what you are looking for, let us know:

<http://www.cra-ponca.com/>

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design. He will also be heading up our United Way Financial Campaign that kicks off in September.

Jeff Meyers is new to the board and brings tremendous talent and enthusiasm. Jeff has been working diligently to create a new CRA Volunteer and Health Fair coming Wednesday, April 13, 2011, to the Hutchins Memorial. This event will be co-sponsored by the city of Ponca City, United Way, ConocoPhillips and the CRA. Over 40 area nonprofit and related organizations will provide informational booths in the Hutchins and at the same time, several organizations will provide no-cost public health screenings to all event participants. Stay tuned ... this could be big!

Bill Hadley serves as our Community Advisory Council representative. Bill attends monthly ConocoPhillips council meetings and keeps the board informed on industry news, corporate news and important events going on in the refinery.

Marcella Matthews is the Ponca City Site Employees Association coordinator. She attends PCSEA meetings and functions to coordinate those activities with CRA plans. Marcella's compassion, creativity and hard work make her a tremendous asset. She coordinates the annual Holiday Certificate Giveaway. She and Darryl Klopp also assist with all CRA publicity.

Dick Jacobson serves as chairman of the Social Committee. We have enjoyed the fruits of his labors at the April Spring Fling and our annual Christmas party at the Ponca City Country Club. Dick is very thorough and has excellent taste when it comes to putting together a delicious menu for our special occasions.

Two non-elected and non-voting members of the board are Chuck Clark and Diane Anderson. Chuck continues to serve as our CRA webmaster and does a great job posting new and interesting information for area retirees. Please visit the website at [www.cra-ponca.com](http://www.cra-ponca.com). Diane is our ConocoPhillips liaison and attends all CRA meetings. She is a tremendously valuable asset and brings enormous creativity and energy to the board. We love Diane. She is the greatest!

As you can see, we have a very busy calendar with some new and exciting things in the works. It is a delight to work with you to make our communities a great place to live, work, worship, raise a family, spoil grandkids, play and enjoy life.

**For the CRA,  
Rich Terrill, President**

### **CRA Volunteers Join RSVP**

Several retirees have recently join RSVP. We encourage all CRA volunteers to join the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) by contacting Traci or Rocky at 580-762-9412 or by stopping by the RSVP office at 205 W. Hartford, Ponca City. Volunteer hours logged with RSVP helps secure additional grant money for Kay County. Please give Traci or

### **Volunteer Grant Program – “Dollars for Hours”**

ConocoPhillips will donate \$500 for every 20 hours an employee or retiree volunteers with an eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Additionally, teams of four or more employees or retirees may apply for a team grant of \$1,000 to an eligible organization. For more information, contact Diane Anderson at 767-3662.

ConocoPhillips provides charitable contributions to worthy educational, youth, health, social services, civic, arts, environmental and safety initiatives. ConocoPhillips is particularly proud of the fact that employees and retirees have contributed thousands of hours of their personal time to these worthy causes.

## **Matching Gift Program**

The ConocoPhillips Matching Gift program will expand to match employees and retirees gifts to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations dollar-for-dollar, up to \$15,000 for employees, and retiree gifts dollar-for-dollar, up to \$7,500, annually. Previously, the program matched gifts to

accredited educational institutions only.

# July General Meeting

The next CRA General Meeting will be at 10 a.m., **Monday, July 12** at the Pioneer Technology Center, 2101 North Ash, Ponca City. Guest speaker will be Pete Stynes, manager, Ponca City Refinery.



Peter C. (Pete) Stynes is manager of the Ponca City Refinery for ConocoPhillips.

Stynes began his career working for Monsanto Chemical Company in 1978. He held roles in engineering and operations at its Krummrich

facility in Sauget, Ill. In 1981, he joined Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville, Okla., as a process engineer in the central engineering department and worked on the design, construction and startup of new lubricant and fractionation facilities across North America. In 1985, he transferred to the Borger Refinery and NGL Center. He held various management positions in refining, natural gas liquids, chemicals and plastics. During that time, he managed the successful addition of the new Methyl Mercaptan facility and the world's first SZorb™ plant. After the merger of Phillips Petroleum and Tosco, he

transferred to the Wood River Refinery in 2002 and became the operations manager, overseeing the integration and startup of seven new or revamped process units. Stynes has been the Ponca City Refinery manager since July 2009.

Stynes is a member of the University Center, Standing Bear Native American Foundation and RCB-Pioneer Bank boards.

Stynes was born in Detroit, Mich. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1978.

## Employee ID Numbers

It is necessary for employees and retirees to enter their employee ID numbers when applying for Matching Gifts and Retiree Grants "Dollars for Hours." That number appears in the upper right corner of some ConocoPhillips correspondence. However, if you need assistance in getting the correct number, please contact HR Connections at 866-901-6248.

## Conoco Museum Volunteer

### Opportunities

The Conoco Museum has openings for volunteers. Available shifts are 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 5 p.m. Meet interesting people and help show off our world-class museum. Contact Carla O'Neill, Site director, at 767-2143, or the museum office at 765-8687.

## Medicare Supplement Insurance Plan

Once you have enrolled in a United Healthcare (AARP) Medicare Supplement Insurance Plan, you are free to change medical plans (Medicare Supplement Plans **A-L**) the first of any month regardless of your health or pre-existing conditions. If you have questions, please contact United Healthcare at 800-568-6404.

## United Way Financial Campaign



The campaign for United Way will kick off in September. Our United Way serves 13 member agencies that provide invaluable services to people in our community and surrounding area. You will receive more communication about the campaign in the coming months. Please remember that you can make a donation to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations and have it matched dollar-for-dollar. If you have questions or want more information, you are welcome to contact Melissa Young, Ponca City's United Way director, at 762-2456.

## 2010 CRA Board Members

Officers	Phone
Rich Terrill, President	762-7719
Norma Buffalow, Vice President	628-3606
Deryn Stewart, Secretary	765-8648
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Darryl Klopp, Past Presiden t*	762-5858
Members	
Bill Hadley*	762-8314
Dick Jacobson	765-4822
Marcella Matthews	762-0291
Jim Capeheart	765-8879
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\*Term expires Dec. 31, 2010