

Hello Dear Petroleum Club Members,

I hope and pray that you are all doing well and managing to maintain with minimal disruption in your lives. All of us have had to make some adjustments, and hopefully both your health and finances have remained strong.

As you know, The Petroleum Club of Houston has not been immune to the effects of the pandemic either. We closed our doors slightly earlier than most clubs and avoided unnecessary exposure to our members and staff at a key time.

Some of our employees have served us for many years. This has been particularly stressful for them, and non-profits with a 501(c)7 status have not been eligible in the first rounds of SBA Payroll Protection Plan funding. We are formulating a working plan for when we are able to reopen and we are very appreciative of our core team members who are staying the course through these unpredictable times. We are also doing the best we can with our ancillary business partners who are hurting as well during this period.

Our Club was formed in 1946 and many US presidents and other world-famous business leaders have graced our halls over the years. Our membership has included the crème-de-la crème of Houston's business and social world and remains outstanding in that regard. We have weathered other storms, but this one is unique, and we deeply appreciate your loyalty, understanding and patience.

We have had zoom cocktail hours, considered take out food and drink service, and other options to serve our members, but ended up keeping our doors closed for your safety. We do want you to know however that we are ready, willing and eager to reopen and see you again as soon as it is safe.

We will be sending out a survey in the near future and request that you share any ideas and feedback that you think would be helpful. Our General Manager, Jeremie Millwee, will also be sharing a more detailed plan for our future reopening, the exact date of which is still uncertain.

The Petroleum Club of Houston enjoys a great legacy and we thank you sincerely for your support and being part of that. While our facilities are elegant, the real essence of our Club is you. Please stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing you as soon as the skies are sunny and safe again.

Best regards,

Phil Martin

President