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You are invited!

Members of SCENIC GALVESTON and Members of “The Friends of the Preserve”, Honored Guests, Resource Agency Friends, Officials, Interested Supporters, and the Media ~~~~

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING, 2015

Saturday, November 7, 2015

4:00 PM Friends’ Gathering for Camaraderie, Relaxing with Scenic Views of West Galveston Bay, Photographs, Birding, Commendations, Libations and Hors D’oeuvres with Toasts, and Music by Moondogs

4:45 PM *SCENIC GALVESTON’s Annual Meeting*

5:45 PM Shrimp and Gumbo Supper while watching the sun set on West Galveston Bay wetlands, followed by the 24-Year Celebration Cake Cutting and Toasts

6:45 PM More Music, Evening Fellowship and Ending

Event at O’Quinn Pavillion At Reitan Point, the longtime site of falconers’ training at “the best view of the West Marsh” located in the natural wetlands of the John M. O’Quinn I-45 Scenic Estuarial Corridor. Travel I-45 south toward Galveston, take Exit 6, immediately south of Bayou Vista, to service road, and then turn right into the site of the Arts and Crafts timbered



Pavillion at Reitan Point. Welcome to Reitan Point!

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All may come to the festivities although members only may vote at the Annual Meeting. Cold, rain, or shine - enjoy the event and good company with friends, special guests, resource agency professionals, and conservation supporters at one of the most beautiful vistas in Galveston County. **For SG's planning, reservations are required.**

As Chairman, now 23 years, I am proud to say the wetlands in these 1,058 acres of the spectacular I-45 O'Quinn Scenic Estuarial Corridor are 99% restored and are owned by SCENIC GALVESTON as permanent preserve parkland, as dictated by the North America Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) for species habitat and non-intrusive public use parkland. Since 2001, adjacent to the Corridor Preserve, SG acquired Virginia Point Peninsula Preserve lying contiguous across the BNSF Railway which protects 1,900 more acres eastward on Galveston Bay to Loop 197. And SG work does not end!

We have been in the throes of negotiations toward acquisition of 3,200 more acres on the West Galveston Bay northern corridor to SG, either by easement or fee simple ownership. The transfer will add up to 6,000+ acres in SCENIC GALVESTON's prairie and wetlands conservation protected preserves. SG is indebted to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) with this Gulf Environmental Benefits Program grant and the significant Coastal Impact Assistance (CIAP) award by the GLO and the TCEQ's Galveston Bay Estuary Program (GBEP). Did you know that SG has raised \$23.7 million since inception?

Join SG in holding on to these irreplaceable treasures for the future of the Gulf Coast, its mid-coast flyway, Galveston County, Texas, all the species, "scenics", permanent beauty, and for our children and their children.

Casual Attire; RSVP necessary for dinner, drinks, seating and materials. E-mail or Call 409-789-4996,979-234-2096, evangelinewhorton@yahoo.com.

