



Casino Night Fun!



Doug Turner and other Casino Night 2011 attendees enjoying the Craps Table Action!



Gulf Coast PHCC members and guests enjoying a Texas Hold'em game at Casino Night 2011!

Viva Las Vegas! Our annual Casino Night was held Friday, January 14, 2011 at the HESS Club. Many of our members came out and rolled the dice for a good time! We had a terrific turnout, great food, gambling fun, silent auction and awesome prizes! Our function would not have been such a great success without our sponsors and we sincerely thank them for their involvement in our organization. The Casino night was the kick-off to a year of exciting Gulf Coast PHCC events! We have a great year planned for our members, including our Member Lunches, Quarterly Dinners and Educational Opportunities. We have terrific speakers lined up, ones you won't want to miss. Our February meeting will feature Nancy Jones, Exec. Director PHCC Texas. She is giving a very important legislative update.

Check out our events page at: www.gulfcoastphcc.org for details!

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Thank You

To our wonderful sponsors! They provided table sponsorships, raffle items and silent auction items and were an integral part of making our Casino Night a Great success!





PHCC TEXAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE January 2011

This is a legislative year, so PHCC Texas will be spending time at the state Capitol representing your interests. With the state's huge budget shortfall, (a \$10-\$18 budget deficit is predicted) it will be difficult to pass legislation, especially if it includes a fiscal note. But we will be watching for bills that might negatively affect our state plumbing and air conditioning license laws, as well as other business interests. We will also be working in conjunction with the Texas Construction Association to pass the Indemnification Bill, which we have tried to pass for a number of sessions. It barely missed passage last session, and we are hopeful that it will pass this time. This important bill would restrict the use of indemnification provisions in contracts. Unfortunately, parliamentary procedures that prevented the passage of the voter identification bill last session also prevented the passage of other bills, including SB 555, the Indemnification Bill. Voter identification will be another big issue this session, and is supported by most Republicans. Voter ID would require a photo ID when voting, and is opposed by most Democrats, who feel it will disenfranchise elderly and minorities.

Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst counts among his top priorities, closing the state's budget shortfall without raising taxes while "protecting essential services" and modernizing the Texas Department of Transportation.

Dewhurst thinks our state's economic recovery is being hampered by actions in Washington. "In my 7 1/2 years as lieutenant governor, I've never seen any administration put this many bulls-eyes on the back of Texas."

Along with the budget problems, redistricting will also take up much of the legislators' time. This is an arduous process, that includes the redrawing of legislative and congressional boundaries that reflect changes in population. It WILL be an interesting legislative session – voters gave the GOP an overwhelming November victory that left them holding nearly two-thirds of the seats in the Legislature and every statewide office. The Republican brand is one of low taxes and little spending. Legislators will be challenged to find new revenue sources to avoid deep cuts to education, health care and other essential programs.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:



- Jan 31 – State BOD mtg
 - Feb 1 – Walk on the Capitol
 - Feb 9 – Lunch Mtg – HESS Club
 - Feb 18 -20 Super Combo Prep Course
 - March 9 – Lunch Mtg. – HESS Club
 - April 13 – Dinner Mtg – TBA
 - May 11 – Lunch Mtg – HESS Club
 - June 8 – Lunch Mtg – HESS Club
 - July 13 Dinner Mtg – Cadillac Bar
- We are in the process of Booking
MICHAEL BERRY!



IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT!

February 9 Lunch Meeting:

Register for this lunch to hear State Executive Director Nancy Jones give a PHCC Texas Legislative Update and Walk on the Capitol update. This is important news for your business. You will want to attend this meeting!

DID YOU KNOW...Hot water can be one of the most dangerous things in your home?

- At 120°F, 49°C, it would take 10 minutes to burn skin.
- At 125°F, 52°C, it would take 2 minutes to burn skin.
- At 140°F, 60°C, it would take 6 seconds to burn skin.
- At 150°F, 66°C, it would take 2 seconds to burn skin.

Call your plumber to have him/her check your water heater to make sure you have it set to the right temperature and keep your family safe from burns!!!

PHCC TEXAS

Super Combo Prep Course

This weekend training program covers the required 8hr code training for tradesman, the required 18hr code training for journeyman, as well as our revised Journeyman/Tradesman test preparation course. Classroom and hands-on are covered. A model plumbing house is used for hands-on training experience.

February 18-20, 2011
Friday 12pm-8pm
Saturday & Sunday 8am-5pm

Location: AFTON INCORPORATED
21755 I-45 North
Building #4
Spring, TX 77388

Instructor: TODD IOCCO

Member Price: \$475

(Save \$173 off normal pricing!)

Non-Member Price: \$595

(Save \$73 off normal pricing!)

Call us at 512-523-8094
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register today!



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More Fun Pix From Casino Night!!!



Rick Shelton and Milton Frank listen in on Bill Jones' wisdom and advice....Know when to hold'em, know when to fold'em.....

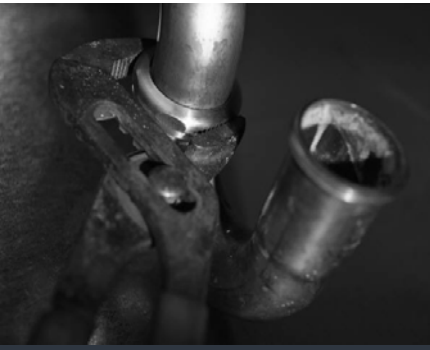


Phillip Johnson was the raffle winner of the portable fishing chairs donated by Joe Hall, PHCC Board Member.



Nancy Turner won the Wine Basket donated by Ray Jones and Raven Mechanical





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(great events, new milestones, etc.)
email your press release
by the 5th of each month and we'll try
to include it in our newsletter.**

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