

SAUDI ARAMCO ANNUITANTS  
31st REUNION  
*Ahlan Wa'Sahlan*  
AUSTIN "HAFLA" 2018  
September 16-19, 2018

Dear Fellow Annuitants & Friends,

On behalf of The Saudi Aramco Annuitants Biennial Hafla Organizing Committee, we welcome you, your families and friends to Austin and the 31st Saudi Aramco Annuitants Reunion at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa.

As we learned in Orlando 2010, 'Hafla' means a friendly gathering, a party, a celebration of family and friends. We plan to continue the traditions of the past 30 Annuitants Reunions in the spirit of Hafla and also give you the opportunity to sample some of the history, beauty, and character of Austin.

The Hyatt Regency Lost Pines (<https://lostpines.regency.hyatt.com>) is located just a few miles east of downtown Austin and the Austin Bergstrom International Airport. You will experience a truly unique destination resort complete with world-class spa facilities and the nationally acclaimed Wolfdancer Golf Course. Several restaurants further complement this one of a kind resort hotel. Sports abound in this 405-acre setting along the banks of the Lower Colorado River, adjacent to the neighboring 1,100-acre McKinney Roughs Nature Park. If you wish to relax or explore other Texas destinations, you can extend your hotel stay at the group rates for three days prior to and/or three days after the Reunion.

Austin Hafla 2018 will feature three evening banquets with musical entertainment and optional Golf, Bridge, and Trap Shooting Tournaments. At the Gala Banquet on Monday night, honored speakers from the Company will bring us the latest news from Dhahran. You will be able to choose from special tours that will be posted on the Aramco ExPats website prior to the Hafla. There will also be our Exhibits/Souk, art classes, henna painting, video presentations, lectures, and representatives from ASC Benefits, Aetna, AON Hewitt and Vanguard.

As Aramcons, we are a very select group of people. We have shared a unique and rewarding life, enjoyed extraordinary experiences and made enduring friendships. We have become a conduit of friendship and understanding between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United States. It has been an honor to work with all the members of The Saudi Aramco Annuitants Biennial Hafla Organizing Committee in hosting Austin Hafla 2018. We hope your visit to Austin and our time together will create new happy memories.

See you in Austin!

*Judy & Bill Walker, Vicki & David Jessich*

# DIRECTIONS



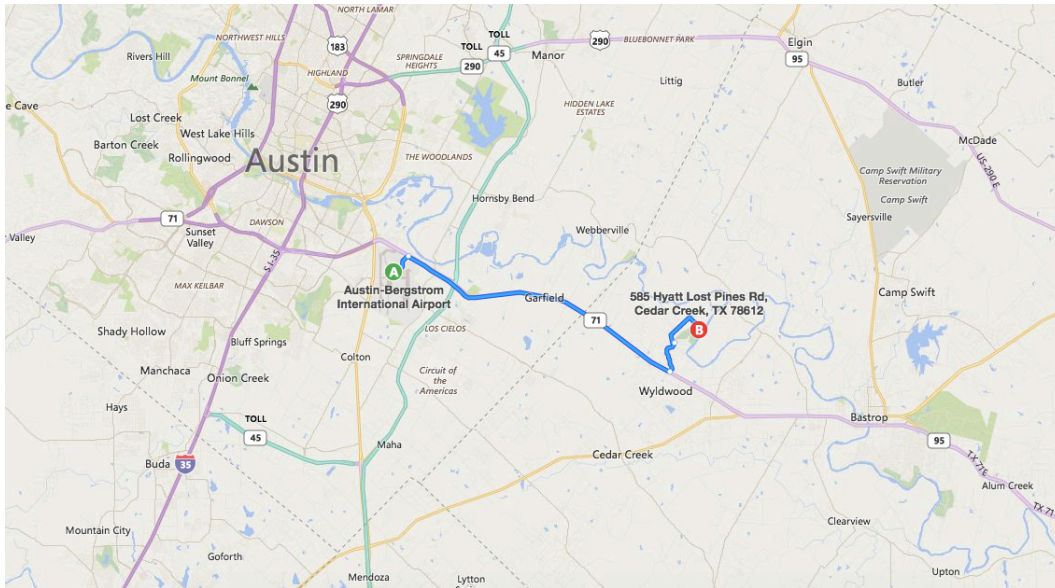
## Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa

**575 Hyatt Lost Pines Road, Lost Pines, TX 78612**

Telephone: (512) 308-1234 Facsimile: (512) 308-4800

[www.lostpines.hyatt.com](http://www.lostpines.hyatt.com)

An interactive map is available on the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa's website with directions from your destination to the Resort.



## AUSTIN-BERGSTROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

3600 Presidential Blvd, Austin, TX 78719

Get on TX-71 E/Hwy 71 E from Presidential Blvd. Turn left onto Hyatt Lost Pines Road. From the Austin airport, it's 12.2 miles on 71 until you make the left turn on Hyatt Lost Pines Road.

## BASTROP AND CITIES EAST

From the east on TX-71, it's 9.6 miles from the Hwy 21 intersection to Hyatt Lost Pines Road.

## HYATT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

The midpoint between Austin and Bastrop, Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa is located just 23 miles from downtown Austin. When traveling throughout the area, our concierge will gladly assist you in arranging a taxi so you can check every Texas destination off your list. At Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa, your resort fee includes complimentary transportation to all areas of the resort.

## PARKING:

At the resort, self-parking in the spacious lot is complimentary. Valet parking is \$30 per day and includes in and out privileges.

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Send completed forms along with your payment check (no credit cards) made out to:  
**SAUDI ARAMCO ANNUITANTS REUNION** and mail to:

Saudi Aramco Annuitants Reunion  
P. O Box 340604  
Austin, TX 78734-0604

If you have questions, please contact your cohosts:

Email: [austinhafla2018@gmail.com](mailto:austinhafla2018@gmail.com)

Phone: Judy & Bill Walker (512) 402-1666 or Vicki & David Jessich (512) 263-8727

## **PLEASE READ IMPORTANT NOTICES BELOW**

### **HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**

**CUT-OFF DATE IS MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018 by 5:00 pm.**

After that date, room reservations will be on an availability basis only. The "AustinHafla2018" discounted rate is valid from Thursday, September 13 -- Sunday, September 23, 2018. Only registered and PAID Austin Hafla 2018 attendees qualify for the discounted reunion rate.

**\* Hotel reservations may be made by one of the following methods \***

- 1) Visiting the "passkey" reservation website created by the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa: <https://aws.passkey.com/go/2018saudiaramco>
- 2) Calling the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Reservation Number at (512) 308-1234. To obtain the group discounted rate, you must mention the name "AustinHafla2018"

### **ROOM RATES:**

\$182 -- single/double occupancy King or Double Rooms

Applicable taxes, subject to change, are currently 13.75%.

The resort fee is reduced to \$10/day for September 15 - 19, 2018.

Self-parking is complimentary.

The Hyatt Regency Lost Pines' complimentary amenities include Wi-Fi, In-room safe, coffeemaker, mini-refrigerator, laundry facilities, 10% discount on spa services at Spa Django, discounted \$99 golf rate at the Wolfdancer Golf Club over official dates of the reunion, and much more.

***If you have special needs, please ask at time of reservations.***

# MEALS, SEATING & PHOTOGRAPHY



**MEALS:** The following meals are included in the registration fee:

Sunday, September 16: Trails End Chuckwagon Buffet

Attire: Austin Casual (Jeans and Western attire welcome)

Social hour: 6:00-7:00 pm Cash Bar

Dinner: 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Cash Bar

Monday, September 17: Welcome Reception & Dinner hosted by ASC -

*Complimentary to all Hafla **registered** guests. Bring Hafla nametag.*

Attire: Formal or Cocktail

Reception: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm with two free drinks, cash bar thereafter

Dinner: 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

*Professional Photography has been arranged for this dinner.*

Tuesday, September 18: Middle Eastern Buffet

Attire: Casual (Middle Eastern, if you wish)

Social hour: 6:00-7:00 pm Cash Bar

Dinner: 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Cash Bar

## **BANQUET SEATING:**

Near the Hafla Registration area there will be a table for Gala Banquet seating for Monday, September 17th. Sunday and Tuesday nights are open seating.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY:**

At Registration there will also be a table for group photography sign-up.

- Photographs are scheduled for Monday, September 17th
- Group photos (8 or more) must reserve a time slot between 2:00 – 5:00pm.
- The photographer will be on-site during the Reception and Dinner to take photos of singles, couples and groups fewer than 8. No reservations are necessary.
- Photos will be available for purchase after the Reunion directly from the photographer's website. Information for ordering will be provided at the Hafla.
- Extra!! We will have a Hafla group photo with the Hyatt's longhorns, T-Bone and Ribeye. Watch for time and place to be announced at the Hafla.

# ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

(See Page 7 for Activities requiring signups)



## TOURS

Chairpersons: Carol Hudson (512) 261-4621 Email: hudsonkdg@yahoo.com and Jeff Squires (512) 669-2703 Email: squiresj\_2000@yahoo.com. Tours will be scheduled on Tuesday, September 18th, and will include transportation and guides. Descriptions, signups, and payment information will be available later on Aramco ExPats within the Events section.

## SELL, BUY, SWAP AT THE SOUK (OUR VERSION OF CATALOG SHOPPING)

Remember the Community Bulletin Boards? We're offering a garage sale in paper format. Bring a photo and description of what you want to sell on an 8 ½" by 11" sheet of paper. Include price and contact information. Do NOT bring the items themselves unless you have space to keep them in your room! For a treasure you want to buy, provide a description, photo (if possible), and your contact information. The binders will be provided for browsing, but monitoring responses is up to you.

## ART CLASSES

Join former Aramcon, artist Jo Watts, to create your own work of art. Class sizes are limited and payment will be collected at the class. You must register with Jo Watts in advance to receive more information and secure a spot. Register: jo1artist@hotmail.com, or 512-577-5252, website is [www.JoWattsClaySmith.com](http://www.JoWattsClaySmith.com)

#1 Alcohol Ink Painting. It's easy and fun. This workshop takes about an hour and a half. In addition to painting a tile, paint a domino or a porcelain pendant pre-prepped with a hook so it can be worn. All materials are furnished. Cost is \$40.

#2 Silk Scarf Painting. It is more intensive and takes from 4 to 6 hours. All supplies are furnished (15" X 60" pre-hemmed silk scarf, silk dyes and resist, brushes, pallets, etc.) and each artist will leave with something to be proud of. Cost is \$95.

## HENNA ART

Henna artists will be at the Hafla on several days to accommodate your busy schedules. Stop by the Henna Corner after Registration to sign up for times and choose designs. Payment will be made at the time of service directly to the artists.

## TENNIS, HIKING, BICYCLING, HORSESHOES, WATER SPORTS

All these activities and more are included with your Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa resort fee.

In addition, complementary shuttle service is provided to McKinney Roughs Nature Park, a 1,100-acre park adjacent to the Hyatt, for activities booked through the hotel. They offer adventures such as kayaking, rafting, fishing, zip line, rock wall climbing, and guided birding hikes. Additional fees apply.

# REUNION REGISTRATION



Please print legibly for the Hafla directory and nametag:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname, if preferred \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information requested:

Service Dates \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ District(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Names and address of others being registered AND PAID BY YOU: Each Hafla attendee MUST pay the full Registration fee regardless of any event participation!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname, if preferred \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname, if preferred \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname, if preferred \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation: Plane \_\_\_\_\_ Car \_\_\_\_\_ Accommodation (onsite or offsite) \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: August 1, 2018**

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# ACTIVITIES SIGN-UP



## **GOLF TOURNAMENT – Monday, September 17, 2018 -- \$110 per person**

Chairpersons are Hal & Marcia Barham, Tel: (571) 445-3046, Email: barhamh@bellsouth.net. The golf tournament will be held at the Wolfdancer Golf Club at the Hyatt starting at 8:00 am. The total cost for greens fees, cart, and prizes, is \$110 per person. Contact Hal if you wish to be assigned to a particular foursome. Golf clubs rentals are available from the Wolfdancer Golf Club. See wolfdancergolfclub.com or call (512) 308-9653.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_

## **TRAP SHOOT TOURNAMENT – Monday, September 17, 2018 -- \$110 per person**

Chairperson is David Jessich (512) 263-8727, Email: jessich@hotmail.com. The tournament is at the Hyatt's Renegade Trailhead in the afternoon. Instruction is by certified professionals, with shotguns and safety equipment provided.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

## **BRIDGE TOURNAMENT (Social) – Monday, September 17, 2018 -- \$20 per person**

Chairpersons are Pat Vanderford (512) 919-4109, Email: jovan18@austin.rr.com, and Nancy Steinke, Email: steinketn@icloud.com. Cost includes prizes and light refreshments. Play will be from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Check here to be assigned a partner for Social play \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXHIBITS / SOUK**

Chairperson: David Jessich (512) 263-8727, Email: jessich@hotmail.com Display your hobbies, photos, crafts and special accomplishments before and after retirement. Tables will be provided. Cost free.

Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Description \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables needed \_\_\_\_\_

# PAYMENT



## REGISTRATION AND MEALS

Each registered person MUST pay a Registration & Meal fee.

Note: The Gala Banquet on Monday Night is hosted by ASC and is complimentary to all registered guests.

REGISTRATION FEE No. of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$250.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ACTIVITIES

GOLF TOURNAMENT No. of Players \_\_\_\_\_ X \$110.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TRAP SHOOTING No. of Shooters \_\_\_\_\_ X \$110.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL BRIDGE No. of Players \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL:** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to “**Saudi Aramco Annuitants Reunion**”.

Mail check and all three forms to:

Saudi Aramco Annuitants Reunion  
P.O. Box 340604  
Austin, TX 78734-0604

Please print a copy of your completed Registration forms for your records.

Payment sent: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date mailed \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation of payment received will be sent to the first email address you provide.  
Refund policy for registration fees due to emergencies is determined on a case-by-case basis.

If you have questions, please contact us:

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