

DELTA SAFETY SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETINGS 11:30 AM AT:

<i>Smilie's</i>	02/22
<i>Andrea's</i>	03/29
<i>Smilie's</i>	04/26
<i>Andrea's</i>	05/31
<i>Don's Seafood</i>	06/28
<i>TBA</i>	07/26
<i>TBA</i>	08/30

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross received a lot of negative publicity following Hurricane Katrina. But what some may not have realized is they are not a government agency, they are a humanitarian organization run by volunteers. The truth be told no one was truly prepared for a natural disaster of such magnitude.

It wasn't until my daughter, Brooke Tranchina began working for the Red Cross that I realized just how involved they are in our local community. Amazingly their contribution to this area is greatly underestimated. To learn more about the Red Cross and exactly what they do, we invited representatives from the Southeast Louisi-

ana Chapter to speak at Delta's January meeting.

Brooke and the Coordinator of Disaster Volunteers, Patsy Alston discussed some brief history about how the Red Cross began by protecting the rights of soldiers. But, their mission doesn't stop there. They *provide relief to victims of [any] disasters and help people [anywhere] prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. This includes shelter, food, and health and mental health services to address basic human needs.*

So if a chemical plant has a release neighborhood, or a tanker flips near a school, or a family's home catches fire or as some recently experienced, a

tornado tears through your house in the middle of the night, these unsung heroes are among the first to respond.

If you are interested learning more about their training programs or you wish to become a Red Cross Volunteer please contact Patsy Alston at 504-620-3105.

Red Cross/Red Carpet

Official Oscar's Night
Fundraiser

Sunday, February 25th,

6:30 V.I.P. Admission

VIP Tickets-\$100
Sponsorship Levels
Starting at \$2,500

For more information go to
www.arcno.org.



FREE TAX FILING SERVICES

According to financial guru and radio personality, Clark Howard from Atlanta, a free filing program from the IRS is available at www.irs.gov.

Who's eligible? If your income is more than \$60,000 a year, you might not qualify.

So, it's a good thing to figure out your adjusted gross income - AGI before you start the process. Your AGI must be less than \$52,000 a year to use the free program. This will cover about 70 percent of all income earners.

There is a special rule that applies just for this

year. You will get an extra tax break if you wait until after Feb. 3rd to file. Waiting specifically benefits people who live in states with no state income tax.

Note - The IRS free tax filing has changed every year for the past three, so read the fine print carefully.

Have a Safe & Happy
Mardi Gras.



Watch for the children
and please
Don't Drink and
Drive!

- *Next Meeting:*
Thursday, February 22th
- *Location: Smilie's in Harahan*
- *Cost: \$25.00*
- *Guest Speakers:*
Dorinda Folsie with OSHA
- *Topic: OSHA Alliance*

February
Birthdays



Wishing you Health and
Prosperity in the coming
year.

Gill Bulloch
James Chandler
Danny Joyce
Jane Lively
Steve St. Martin
Susan Sikut
and
Charter, Life Member
Mr. Henry Rauber



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To:
All Past and Present
Delta Member and their guests.

Visit our website, hosted by NSC at metrosafety.org/delta

Pandemic Flu Plan Available Online



Tim Elsen, Contractor Safety Specialist for Chevron's Gulf of Mexico BU, HES Department announced that Chevron GOM has posted their Pandemic Flu plan online. If you are interested it is posted externally at http://upstream.chevrontexaco.com/contractorgom/programs_policies/fluplan.asp

Compliance Corner



Looking for a great resource for training literature or some additional health and safety information for your family? Then check out the **Center for Disease Control** - CDC. Their website is www.cdc.gov.

The website is user friendly and is loaded with articles and quick reference *Fact Sheets* for use in your safety meetings. There are

sections on Diseases and Conditions, including Childhood Diseases and Immunization, Emergency Preparedness, Travel Health and other valuable SH&E topics.

The Injury and Violence page includes studies on everything from dog bites and poisoning to work and motor vehicle related injuries. There is also an endless supply of statistics and data broken down for each state. And just in case you haven't received enough information about the Pandemic Influenza, they cover that too.