

## Richard Mayfield



Richard Mayfield is a 1961 graduate of the University of Arkansas where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering. Upon graduation Richard spent two years in the U. S. Army as an officer in the Ordnance Corp.

In June 1963 Richard went to work for Union Carbide at their Seadrift Texas plant as a process engineer in an olefin unit. He worked at the Seadrift plant from 1963 until January 1971 as process engineer and senior process engineer all in the olefin plants.

In January 1971 Richard moved to the Union Carbide Texas City Texas plant as the Regional Chemicals Purchasing Manager. In this position his

group purchased all of the small volume chemicals and scheduled all of the raw materials for six Union Carbide locations.

In September 1973 Richard took over as Department Head (manager) of the Texas City Plant Marine Terminal. This was Union Carbide's largest distribution facility handling about 1 billion pounds per year of chemicals. A staff of about 81 people loaded, unloaded and stored chemicals from about 150 vessels/year, 15 barges/day, 15 tank trucks/day and 20 tank cars/day.

Richard moved to Union Carbides Houston Office in March 1976 as senior Purchasing Agent responsible for Natural Gas purchases in the US, butylene and normal paraffin purchases and sales of benzene, toluene, pyrolysis gasoline and dicyclopentadiene. This job purchased and sold about \$150 million/year of product.

In May 1977 Richard was made Manager of the Gaseous Fuels & Feedstock Supply Group responsible for the group that purchased all of Union Carbides LPG and Natural Gas as well as any drilling ventures the corporation entered into. The group's five purchasing agents supplied the corporation with some \$700 million/year of raw materials.

In October 1979, Richard joined Koch Chemical as Manager of the Chemicals trading group. This group traded aromatics, olefins and naphtha primarily in the US Gulf Coast area.

With the 1981 acquisition by Koch of the Sun Corpus Christi facility, Richard became Vice President of Gulf Coast Chemicals. His chemical's group was in charge of all Koch's sales and purchases of benzene, toluene and xylene, one paraxylene contract, two orthoxylene contracts, one cumene contract and all sales of ethylbenzene and aromatic solvents. Richard remained in this position until his retirement in February 1997. After retirement, Richard remained with Koch as a consultant to the newly created Solvents and Specialty Chemicals Group through July 1998.

Richard joined Marubeni America Corporation as a consultant to the Houston chemicals group and held that position from September 1998 to December 2002.

Since full retirement, Richard has been active in GOS as Club President & Board Member, and with the Friends of Galveston Island State Park as a

Board Member and Birding Committee Chairman. He has also been active in his church serving on The Parish Disaster Planning Committee, the church Pastoral Council, a member of the Men's Club, and has been instituted as an Acolyte. For recreation Richard plays golf, goes birding and travels extensively with his wife. With three children and seven grandchildren who live within 30 miles a lot of time is spent in family activities.