

ROY MORGAN ENJOYS “FUN” RETIREMENT

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When Roy Morgan, Associate Scientist in the Polyurethanes Group Texas Operations, retired in 2001 after nearly 40 years of work, he warned all of his co-workers – “You had better retire soon, because I’m going to use up all of the “FUN” as fast as I can!” He has certainly tried to do just that!!

Every evening now, Roy checks his calendar to see what he “gets to do” the following day – and he approaches each and every activity with the joy that characterized his years with Dow.

Since his retirement, Roy has continued learning - taking two cooking classes, studying and certifying for both the Master Naturalist and Master Gardener Programs, and certifying with the school district to teach science to school children at both the Sea Center of Texas and the Brazoria County Wildlife Refuge on school field trips.

Roy serves as the Chairman of the Volunteer Board at the Sea Center of Texas, where he helps maintain the wildscape, conducts tours, takes children fishing, and swims with the sharks and Gordon the Grouper as he scuba dives into the large fish tank to help clean it. He also monitors the “hot line” and rescues animals for the Brazoria County Wildlife Rescue organization, and assists the Master Gardeners and Master Naturalist organizations by taking part in bird counts, bird banding, butterfly counts, and “mucking” property in the county. He maintains an experimental garden for the Master Gardeners, and propagates and raises hibiscus and orchids – his flowers are his delight!

Roy also works for the local food pantry, and helps cook and serve at the food booths at the Brazoria County Fair for the Lions Club. He also serves on the advisory boards for several other local service organizations and for his church.

Roy has traveled to France, Spain and Australia – with a couple of trips to Washington State, Washington DC and California thrown in - tasting wine and visiting with his close group of traveling friends. He does enjoy “learning” about new wines...

Two years ago, Roy was on a fishing trip when he suffered a heart attack. He spent two weeks in the hospital in Houston, then underwent a double bypass operation. His response---- he changed his diet and “sedentary” lifestyle, lost 80 pounds (yes – that’s EIGHTY POUNDS!) – and then took scuba diving lessons! He has now completed 4 courses past the basic certification course. He walks between 2 and 5 miles a day – frequently downtown to meet with friends for breakfast.

And he STILL maintains the former completely full schedule of volunteer activities – he’s just added to it! Roy is a one of a group of Dow retirees – known among themselves as the GORB (Good Old Retiree Boys) – there are seven of them - each and every one of whom works almost continually volunteering in this community that they worked in, raised their families in and loved so much for their many, many years at Dow. They serve in many different volunteer areas in the community - and take pleasure and pride in their good health and time which allow them to contribute.

He is still having FUN!!