



## **South Texas Chairman Bernie Kent Awarded Fellow Status**

### **Leadership in the Industry**

“Bernie has demonstrated engineering leadership qualities from the very beginning in his professional career while working at NL MWD where he was among the first of field engineers who were responsible for the original deployment and testing of early MWD (Measurement While Drilling) technologies in petroleum well drilling operations. Recognizing his technical capabilities and leadership qualities, he was made responsible for developing course material and later teaching and managing a group to support the technical training of field engineers in the NL Baroid MWD organization. His field service training, teaching & training capabilities and demonstrated sales experience of machinery monitoring and diagnostic equipment resulted in positions of increasing responsibility in the GE organization where currently he manages a sales team.”

### **Leadership in Engineering Organizations**

Bernie became involved with ASME in Houston through the South Texas Section (STS) and Apollo Subsection in the early 1990's. Bernie also affiliated with ISA (International Society of Automation and Controls) Houston, ISA Houston Pipeline Section, and the Vibration Institute – Houston in 1991. In 1999, Bernie became involved with ASME Gas Turbine Technical Chapter (GTTC), as a means of learning more about Gas Turbines and further networking professionally. A Bently Nevada colleague asked him to become Treasurer of ASME GTTC in 2002, which Bernie served for several years, until becoming Vice Chairman and then Chairman in 2008. Bernie continues to act today, as ex-officio Board Member of ASME GTTC – Houston. Bernie received the ASME STS Meritorious Service Award in 2009 and was elected Vice-Chairman of STS and became Chairman in 2010, while also acting as Co-Chair of Arrangements & Speakers for STS. Bernie is serving as STS Chairman for 2011 - 2012.

The Award will be presented to Bernie at the Gas Turbine meeting September 19th.