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May Meeting

This month's meeting will be held May 13, 2010 at the [Marriott Westchase](#) at 7:30 a.m.

You must regret if you do not plan to attend. Regrets and RSVPs should be made with [Terri Guerrero](#) by May 10th via email or the Evite. If you do not RSVP, we may not have the space to accommodate your attendance.

Guest reservations can be made by credit card (MasterCard or Visa) at the breakfast meeting or via PayPal on our [Web site](#): www.spwp.org.

Please remember to turn pagers and cell phones off or to silent during meetings.

Hello SPWP Ladies!

I don't know about you guys but I believe that the 2010 Derricks and Dice Casino Night was one of the best to date. The addition of the band and great prizes made it a fantastic night for the attendees and we raised lots of money for the 2011 scholarships. THANKS AGAIN!!! Kelsey, Mimi and your committee – job well done! We should have all of the financial results for the June meeting to announce to the membership.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at OTC this year. I was looking through the speakers etc for this year's OTC schedule and made a few discoveries. One, the 2010 Chairman for OTC is Susan Cunningham – a woman!!! Yeah!!!! Also, for our younger members, I highly recommend attending the program, "The Next Wave", on Wednesday. You need to make reservations to attend this program and it will sell out but I think it is a great networking event for the young professionals in the oil and gas industry. Take time to catch up with old friends, explore new technologies and renew your interest in this very rewarding oil and gas world that we work in.

For an update on the 2010 scholarship recipients- Mary, Debra and her committee have blocked out May 15th for final interviews for this year's winners. They have been busy reading the essays and making their choices. This is an awesome responsibility and an opportunity to meet lots of talented and smart young ladies. Good luck Scholarship committee – as I know you will select some really strong recipients that we look forward to meeting in July.

I will be out of the country for the May meeting but Priscilla has arranged a very interesting speaker, Esther Angell, from Enventure who will be discussing "Solid Expandable Technology." Equipped with information around this technology will continue to develop our membership with the latest industry developments. As the news continues around the latest Gulf of Mexico mishap, it is imperative that members within the industry continue to stay informed about technology advancements to increase safety and protect the environment. Please make plans to attend and bring a guest.

Happy Mother's Day and I will see you in June.
Jerri

Jerri Babin
SPWP President 2010

April Meeting Minutes

Jerri Babin called the meeting to order at the Westchase Marriott on April 8, 2010 at 7:45 AM. Jerri asked for a motion to approve the March minutes as written. Debra Broussard noted that a correction was needed-Casino Night work slots will be for an hour not for the 30 minutes as written. Priscilla Gagliano made a motion to approve the March minutes, and Denise Kraus seconded.

Ashley Bourgeois welcomed our two new members (Leslie McCain and Cristen Ocepek) for March to SPWP.

Priscilla Gagliano introduced our guest speaker, Hal Lynde aka Captain Cash from 94.5 The Buzz. Hal is currently employed by Morgan Keegan and offers individual and institutional clients financial planning and wealth building.

Hal takes the podium and introduces his fellow colleagues, Jeremy Ginn, Whitney Fox, and Michael Wycough.

Hal offered a few preliminary bits of financial advice and good reads:

1. www.FINRA.org is a website everyone should visit. FINRA is a free online Broker Check is a free online tool to help investors check the professional background of current and former **FINRA**-registered securities firms and brokers. It should be the first resource investors turn to when choosing whether to do business or continue to do business with a particular broker or brokerage firm.
2. Raise financial savvy children. Hal says it is possible, and recommends [You Can Raise Financial Aware Children](#).
3. Another recommended book is [The Return of the Depression Economics](#).

Hal and his team reviewed with SPWP members the current economic situation. It was explained that over the last two years, there has been much that has contributed to the current state of affairs. Such as

Credit Crisis, TARP, TAF, Corporate Bailouts, Bank Bailouts, AIG, Health Care Bill, etc.

Hal instructs that prior to *investing*; one must have goals an understanding of your own monthly spending, budget goals, Emergency Fund, and proper insurance coverage. It was a recommendation that everyone know their credit score. Do not use "[Free Credit Report.com](#)". Instead, follow the links on the US governmental webpage. Hal also recommended the service provided by LifeLock which protects your credit/identity for an annual fee. Another key factor to think about when it comes to building wealth is Debit. Ask yourself, is your debit (including school loans) more than 30% of you income. If so, you must re-think your spending and goals.



Hal provided members with packets on financial planning basics such as good goal setting, budgeting, creating a good ER fund for you, insurance considerations, and investing options. Additionally, a folder was provided on Roth IRA Conversions for 2010 which could be a great investment opportunity for many of us. He closed by offering members a complimentary financial checkup. If you are interested you can contact Whitney Fox at whitney.fox@morgankeegan.com. Kelsey and Mimi provided members with a Casino Update. It is most important to make your reservations online using PayPal. We must provide the hotel with a head count by Friday. Please note that Lauren is collecting Raffle ticket stubs and money. Please give your unsold raffle ticket to Kelsey or Mimi, so we can sell them the night of the event. It was announced that Janet Tarkington and Alicia Torben are the winners for selling the most reservations to Casino Night. They each get a room at the Hotel Derek. Congratulations! Please continue to sign up to work a shift the night of the event. Debra Broussard has the signup sheet. Mimi provided members with a teaser of what sort of prizes could be expected....iPad, camera, iTouch, Wii, Wine basket, Wicked Ticket, etc. See everyone on Friday at Casino Night.

Mary Campana provided the Scholarship update. We have 76 strong scholarship applicants. The Scholarship committee is currently busy reviewing the applicants and is on schedule to have the score completed 4/16. The Scholarship interview day is set for May 15. We will have more of an update at the May meeting.

Jerri Babin introduced our guests:

Amanda Hood, Gabriella Keeton, Jennifer Ramos, Chaz Hulett, Diane Rowland, Nicole Smith, Theresa Johnson, Chandra Crane, Rachael Yates, Nicole Papandrea, Cari Mielsch, Ashley Crenshaw



The announcements from the floor:

1. There is a Get Well card going around for Clyde. Please be sure to sign it and offer your well wishes and prayers.
2. Sandra Mourton thanked all volunteers for assisting with the AADE golf tournament. We were very successful at selling mulligans. Of the 98 teams that played 96 purchased mulligans from SPWP!
3. Melissa Marshall proudly announced that this year's SPWP Woman of Excellence is Madame President Jerri Babin. Congratulations Jerri!!!

May Speaker – Esther Angell Enventure Global Technology

Esther Angell is the marketing supervisor for Enventure Global Technology overseeing all branding and marketing initiatives for the international corporation. Esther has been with Enventure since 2006, prior to which she was in non-profit marketing overseeing a multitude of youth and community programs. Her experience in online marketing was indispensable in the successful re-launch of Enventure's brand and website in January of 2009. Esther holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and is a member of SPE, The Women's Energy Network, AMA, and IABC.

New Member Applications

Name: Chandra Crane
Title: Contract Manager
Company Name: National Oilwell Varco
Sponsored By: Lauren Grabski
Committee(s) Interest: Golf Tournament, Scholarship

Name: Theresa Johnson
Title: Inside Sales Coordinator
Company Name: Triad Pipe & Steel
Sponsored By: Peggy Vincik
Committee(s) Interest: Casino Night, Golf Tournament

Name: Tanya Medley
Title: Sales & Projects Manager
Company Name: SPT Energy Group
Sponsored By: Wendy Hatz
Committee(s) Interest: Golf Tournament

Name: Alexandra Spindola
Title: Land Rigs Project Proposal Coordinator
Company Name: National Oilwell Varco
Sponsored By: Jerri Babin
Committee(s) Interest: Casino Night, Scholarship



To sign up for the FHPW newsletter, send a blank email to: fhpw-news-subscribe@egroups.com.

FHPW is delighted to announce that we are partnering with **Women on Course**, a national women's golf organization, for their **April 21st Golf Experience**. FHPW will be a "featured organization" for this event, and one of the benefits of partnership is that FHPW members are eligible to get Women on Course member rates to this event. (See below for the information on how to access those rates for registration).

Women on Course and FHPW share the objectives of bringing professional women together to for networking, socializing and fun. Through this event, FHPW members will have the opportunity to do all that with members of Women on Course. This Golf Experience will enable women at all levels of familiarity with golf to come together in one of three activities specifically targeted toward your level of familiarity with the game. Women on Course's Golf Experience is about de-mystifying golf for the newcomer, giving skills development opportunity for those with some level of gold knowledge and experience, and having a match experience for those already comfortable on the links. Here's a quick description of each activity: Red Group: For: Those who are new to golf/or never ever played Activity: There will be an orientation to golf, to include terminology and basic rules of course etiquette and a golf clinic Clubs: Clubs not necessary Blue Group: For: newer or intermediate players Activity: 1 hour clinic, and then 4 holes of golf Clubs: Bring clubs or arrange rentals with club in advance Green Group: For: Intermediate with ability to keep up the pace of play or avid Activity: 9 hole scramble Clubs: Bring clubs or arrange rentals with club in advance and everyone comes together for socializing afterward at the 19th hole! See the flyer below for more information, or go to www.womenoncourse.com/events/houston_golf.php.

To get a better feel for Women on Course, and how their objectives of connecting professional women through golf and putting the fun into learning about golf with other women works, check out this video link about their events: www.womenoncourse.com/video.php For more information, contact me at president@fhpw.org. So plan to come join me and other FHPW members from 2-7 pm on April 21st at "Walden on the Lake" in Humble for a tremendous afternoon of fun, learning, and strengthening our connection to professional women in the Houston area. Make your reservation today!

Beth Beth Caplan,
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Happy Birthday SPWP Members!

Denise Kraus....5/3
Sue Becknell....5/5
Chandra Crane....5/7
Sandi Peppard....5/7
Patsy Wells....5/7
Amy Choucair....5/9
Lellany Conaway....5/12
Denna Gatewood....5/12
Janet Tarkington....5/13
Peggy Vincik....5/30
Tanya Medley....5/31



Mark Your Calendar



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SPWP Meeting 6/10

July
SPWP Meeting 7/8

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