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# SPWP

## News

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### *September Meeting*

This month's meeting will be held September 9, 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-Wadley](#) by September 6th 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](http://www.spwp.org).

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

Hello Ladies:

Most people utilize January to make resolutions but for me September has always been a time to start over – put the kids on the bus or drop them off at the dorm and start another fall of learning and new expectations. If we actually lived somewhere else – we could maybe even see the temperature dropping and fall leaves but the best we can hope is to make it through hurricane season and see the air conditioning bill drop by a few hundred dollars. So in this vein – SPWP is starting our Fall Season.

The golf committee had a great kick off meeting but there is always room for more volunteers. We need EVERYONE in SPWP to start the process – let's sell out the 144 spots by October! If ½ of the membership sold 1 foursome we would be oversold – so let's surprise the entire fund raising community and sell out in 60 days or less!!! We also need sponsorships and lots of energy to make this a successful event – please get with Terri, Lellany or Mimi and volunteer and make it happen. Working together we can achieve awesome results!

This month's speaker, Germaine Porche, spent a few hours with the 2010 Board and we came away with some great ideas on empowering our organization. Over the course of the new few months, the Board is committed to working with our membership to develop a new Mission Statement that will forward focus our organization. We believe that as an organization we always need to look to develop and empower our members to be successful women in our industry. More details on this later but I look forward to some great conversations around our mission statement. You will not want to miss hearing Germaine this month – her unique style of developing ideas will knock your socks off! Speaking of our dynamic membership, Evalyn Shea and Patsy Wells were recently chosen by the Houston Business Journal as being one of the top 50 Houston female business owners for 2010. Way to Go!!! I look forward to the FHPW Gala next weekend – Thanks again for the super honor and I pray that I don't fall off of the stage.

Thanks for the privilege of serving as the 2010 SPWP President and WOE – see you on Thursday.

Jerri

Jerri Babin  
SPWP President 2010

## August Meeting Minutes

On August 25, 2010 President Jerri Babin called the meeting to order at 7:45 AM at the Westchase Marriott. Mary Ann Vandermark made a motion to approve the July minutes as written, and Denise Kraus seconded.

AADE President, Steve Hayes, gave a welcome and introduced his board. AADE current events were discussed. They have successfully implemented two college chapters (UT and A&M). They hope to have a UH chapter established in the spring as well as being a scholarship program.



Sarah Boone, a SPWP 2006 Scholarship recipient, gave a speech on what her SPWP Scholarship was able to do for her. She is currently going on job interviews and preparing to enter the professional world.

Terry Wadley, SPWP Golf Committee chair, briefed members on golf tournament developments. The first golf committee meeting will be August 31st. All interested members should see Lellany or Terri to get involved. The tournament will be held on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Second President, Priscilla Gagliano, introduced out guest speaker, Dr. Michael Economides, an expert in geo-politics. Dr. Economides began by discussing the continuing Energy Crisis. Crisis is currently ruling the headlines: USA unemployment, China's energy demands exceed US, oil price drop. Despite all the current headlines Dr. Economides maintains that the \$ 100 barrel oil is right around the corner. 87% of the world's energy comes from hydrocarbons. Dr. Economides reiterates that despite what current politicians might preach wind and solar will never

account for what nuclear and hydrocarbons can produce. He urges members to review the graphs (shown) and make note that there are no current alternates for hydrocarbons as an energy source in the foreseeable future. Michael also noted that the 'crisis' is compounded by how we use our energy. He predicts that in the future (decades) we will have electric guide ways for cars. Dr. Economides touches more on China's energy situation. He asks, "Can they keep the lights on?" The choke point for China's growth is energy. 70% of China's energy comes from coal. As of July, China's energy demand is exceeding that of the US. There is a large gap between consumption and production in China. Dr. Economides closes by briefly discussing the current moratorium in the Gulf. Michael shared that he just spoke in Canadian on effects of the moratorium. It is estimated that there is 1.75 million barrels at stake. He confirms that current political figures are highly mistakes if they think drilling contractors will sit and wait. They will not, as we all know.

Jerri Babin announces new SPWP members for July, and reminds all guest seek membership to see Ashley after attendance to three meetings.



Announcements from the floor:

An API Golf tournament is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please see Priscilla to volunteer and participate.

FHPW Woman's of Excellence Gala is September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please see Jerri to make your reservations today, and support Jerri and all of Houston's Women of Excellence.

Jeanne Lyon announced new charity, All the Home, a charity that offers assistance to women of domestic violence. They will be having their first event, Only Women and Shoes, on September 1<sup>st</sup>.



## SPWP Golf Update

Our Golf Tournament, Nov 1st, let's get the word out (we need prizes, teams and sponsorship).

## September Speaker Germaine Porché, MSOD

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### SPECIALIZATION -

Germaine specializes in working with organizations to produce performance breakthroughs in productivity and leadership. Her 18-years consulting experience is in coaching executives, individuals and groups at all levels to deliver high-impact business results. Germaine is a resourceful and innovative designer of consulting interventions. She is a dynamic deliverer of training programs that incorporate clients' specific developmental needs, such as work redesign, productivity breakthroughs, *time transformation*, coaching and communication skills. Germaine's consulting work has been multicultural including work in Europe, Indonesia, Israel and Canada. She is President & co-founder of Eagle's View Consulting, an international coaching and management consultancy. Germaine is co-author of **COACH ANYONE ABOUT ANYTHING: How to Help People Succeed in Business and Life**, listed among Amazon.com's *Top 100 Business Books for 2003*; the CD series, **Ask The Coaches**; and the new bestselling humor series, **COACHING SOUP for the CARTOON SOUL**. Her new book, **COACH ANYONE BOUT ANYTHING: How to Empower Leaders and High Performance Teams**, will be released September 2010.

### EXPERIENCE -

Germaine's coaching and consulting career has included work in the real estate, insurance, sales, forest products, law, manufacturing, mining, and energy industries. She has also coached teams of labor and management personnel to produce breakthrough results. Some of the results Germaine's clients have achieved are:

- A copper mining company reduced maintenance costs by \$800,000 (27%) in a four-month period.
- Trained 3 internal consultants for a major oilfield supplier who facilitated high-impact Reengineering teams to produce breakthrough results throughout the organization.
- Co-trained and coached joint union/management project teams in a British Columbia forest products company, dramatically reducing costs and increasing productivity enabling the re-opening of a mill formerly shut down.
- Consulted in the establishment of a national Estate Planning practice, headquartered in Florida, offering legal and insurance services under one roof. Co-designed unique marketing, organizational mission and innovative business structure. This start-up organization ranked #1 in sales representing the eleventh largest US life insurance company their first and second years in existence. As a senior manager for one of the world's largest training and development organizations, Germaine created and led an effort that doubled business performance in her region within four months.

### EDUCATION -

Germaine holds a B.A. in Management from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas and an M.S. degree in Organization Development from American University and the NTL Institute (National Training Laboratories). Germaine is a Lecturer in the Practice of Executive Education, Jones Graduate School of Business, Rice University, Houston, TX. She is a certified practitioner and facilitator of several behavioral styles profile and psychometric instruments. Germaine is a Life Member of CoachLab International - *Society of Professional Coaches* and serves on the Advisory Board. She is a frequent keynote speaker on a variety of subjects. Germaine lives in Kingwood, Texas with her husband and enjoys the outdoors including cycling, running marathons and volunteering for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. The American Business Women's Association (ABWA) presented Germaine with the *2003 Board Award*, for outstanding service to the Artesian Chapter. Germaine was named one of the *Top Ten Businesswomen in America* for ABWA for 2006.

**Germaine will be giving a 20% discount to anyone purchasing her books as a bundle!**



Evalyn Shea and Patsy Wells were honored August 27, 2010 by the Houston Business Journal as being selected as one of the Top 50 Fastest Growing Woman-Owned Business in Houston for 2010. Please congratulate these ladies for this outstanding recognition!

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*Happy Birthday SPWP Members!*

- Nicole Smith....9/2
- Angie Chappell....9/3
- Cari Mielsch....9/3
- Aurora Garling....9/12
- Priscilla Gagliano....9/12
- Tammie Westlund....9/20
- Joy Rogers....9/27



*Mark Your Calendar*

September  
SPWP Meeting 9/9

October  
SPWP Meeting 10/14



*New Member Applications*

**Name:** Katrina Pigusch  
**Title:** Technical Writer  
**Company Name:** Schlumberger  
**Sponsored By:** Evalyn Shea  
**Committee(s) Interest:** Casino Night

**Name:** Laura Bell  
**Title:** Enterprise Excellence Business Leader, Black Belt  
**Company Name:** Cameron  
**Sponsored By:** Anne Heyden  
**Committee(s) Interest:** Casino Night

**Name:** Tammy Wells  
**Title:** Operations Coordinator  
**Company Name:** Wells Manufacturing, LLC  
**Sponsored By:** Patsy Wells  
**Committee(s) Interest:** Casino Night, Golf Tournament, Scholarship



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

The Federation of Houston Professional Women and FHPW Educational Foundation presents the

**Women of Excellence Awards Gala Celebrating Strong Women in Action**

**Saturday, September 11th, 2010**

**Reception/Silent Auction Dinner**

**\*\* NEW LOCATION \*\***  
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