



SPWP

Society of Professional Women in Petroleum

Spring Flowers



APRIL MEETING

This month's meeting is March 10, 2011 at the Hilton Westchase beginning at 7:30 a.m.

You must regret if you do not plan to attend. Regrets and RSVPs should be made with Denise Kraus by February 14th via email or the Evite. If you do not RSVP, we may not have the space to accommodate your attendance.

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.

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Ladies and Clyde:

I am writing this month's letter before our Dericks and Dice 2011 event but as it looks today, we are going to have a sellout event! Thanks so much to Mimi, Angie and Libby and their awesome committee for working over the last few months to get this all together and make it look so easy. Thanks to all of the SPWP members who have sold entry tickets, gambling tables and raffle tickets to make this an awesome night. Hope that you got all glammed up and had an awesome time. We should have a pretty good idea at the next meeting as to how much this event raised for our Scholarship fund.

Speaking of Scholarship – that committee is also burning the midnight oil. SPWP received over 140 applications this year – up from the last few years and they are busy making the recipient selections. Stay tuned for those results in our July meeting.

In case you were not at the March meeting, our new Woman of Excellence for 2011 is Denise Kraus. Denise has served SPWP in several leadership positions, works behind the scenes in all of our committees, has advanced in her career and is raising 2 very active boys. I look forward to the FHPW Gala and hope that you put it on your calendar to attend. Celebrating each other's successes is another great way to strengthen our network. Congratulations Denise!

You will not want to miss the April meeting. David Reid, Global Account Vice President,

NOV will be our speaker. I have heard David speak at several industry meetings and have never left without learning more about the drilling and production process AND been totally entertained. David has a unique way of explaining technical applications that will keep you engaged. - Be sure and make plans to attend and bring a friend. You will not want to miss this month!

In case you need another reason to come in April – the directories are ready to distribute. We will have them at the April meeting – you will want to get your copy. Thanks Priscilla and Ashley for taking such nice photos – the book has turned out great – so yet another reason to be there in April! Then it is OTC! Not sure where half of the year has gone – but the days are flying by. Keep in touch with SPWP – attend the meetings and make plans to get together for lunch or happy hour – you will be glad you did.

Happy Spring!
Jerri

MARCH MINUTES

Jerri Babin announced March's Situation of the Month: "What course of action do you take if you believe your boss/bosses are partaking in unethical behavior?"

7:52 AM on March 10, 2011 at the Westchase Hilton Hotel, President Jerri Babin called the meeting to order. Ashleigh Steadman made a motion to approve the February minutes as written, and Priscilla Gagliano.

Ashley Bourgeois, secretary, introduced the new members for March. SPWP membership welcomes Lisa Preisler.

Peggy Vincik and Joan Kraus requested the floor to make a special presentation. Joan and Peggy announced that the nominating committee, which is made up of previous recipients, has voted that SPWP does indeed have a deserving member to be honored at the annual FHPW Woman of Excellence Gala in September. Denise Kraus Kraus is 2011 SPWP Woman of Excellence!

What can be said about Denise? To start, after graduating from the University of Houston, she has maintained a diverse and successful career in the energy industry. While obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Training and Development, she began a part time career with Bovaird Supply Company, which would become full time upon graduation. Some might say she was "born" into this industry, being the third generation in her family to pursue a career in oil and gas. Her long-standing professional tenure speaks for itself. Spanning the ups and downs of our industry and surviving several mergers and acquisitions, she is now in a management procurement position. She is able to successfully balance a career, a family, and as many other activities as one can imagine, including professional and community philanthropies.

She has served and continues to serve SPWP diligently. She is responsible for organized Christmas Charities, which included the very successful "Bridge over Trouble Waters. She has served on the Board of Directors for several years and also logged endless hours of committee work on Casino, Scholarship and Golf.

Denise has been a gift to those who have had the privilege to work along side of her. She is not in the front of the line, nor whom you may see first but she is always pushing from the back and lifting up those who may need a hand.

She is a mentor.
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Married to her college sweetheart whom she meet while attending Texas A&M University before transferring to U of H, she is a true inspiration to women who seek to juggle not only a successful career but also a successful family.

She is a loving mom of two boys, 15 and 11, with whom she actively participates in Scouts, Baseball, Basketball and Choir ... just to touch on a few of her maternal commitments. When she talks about her boys and their activities her eyes light up!

CONGRATULATIONS DENISE!!!

Kelsey Hulett, treasurer, made an announcement that dues are now due. Please see or email Kelsey if you have any questions regarding your payment. The preferred method of payment is PayPal which can be found on the website.

Mimi Griffin, Casino Night chair, made announcements regarding upcoming Casino Night. The date is April 1. Mimi urged members to get involved and to help support their own event. The budget indicates that we are currently 13-14 thousand dollars under where we were last year at this same time. Please continue to sell raffle tickets, entry tickets, and sponsorships. Angie Chappell, Casino Night Co-chair, will be sending out an email spreadsheet listing past sponsors. Please review sponsorship list and reach out to those companies again this year. Additionally, it was announced to please send the names of your Casino Night ticket holders. If you do not email Kelsey or Mimi with reservation names by March 15th, your tickets will be placed under the name in which they were purchased.

Mary Campana provided an update on Scholarship Committee. Thus far the committee has received 140 applications. The committee will

be holding their first meeting on March 15th. If you are interested in participating please come to meeting at NOV.

Priscilla Gagliano, 2nd VP, announced our guest speaker, Kirk Raney. Kirk is a chemical engineer who is currently employed by Shell. Kirk presented SPWP members with a presentation on Enhanced Oil Recovery know as EOR in the industry. EOR is mainly a way to obtain increased production from offshore oil reservoirs. The world energy demands today are 80 million barrels/day. With that being said, this process (EOR) is a third degree of production that is ultra important for maximum oil recovery. EOR is a process where chemicals (polymer surfactant alkali) are utilized to "clean" the oil away from the rock. Kirk Raney will be speaking again at this year's OTC conference. Kirk commented that he believes he is scheduled for the last day.

Clyde Perrere announced the SPWP March Birthdays. Happy Birthday March Ladies! Jerri Babin and SPWP membership welcomed the March guest.

Situation of the Month Resolved:
Members recommended to

- Contacting the company's ethics hotline
- See the HR department, but urged to make sure you have your facts straight
- Depending on the relationship with your boss, once could consider confronting him/her directly
- Remove yourself from the situation if your feel uncomfortable, seek out new opportunities

NEW MEMBERS

Name: Olina Rainey
Title: Independent Consultant
Sponsored By: Priscilla
Committee (s) Interest: Scholarship

APRIL SPEAKER

David Reid
”Rock Beats Paper –a Foundation for Partnerships”



David Reid is the Vice President for E&P Technology and Business at Houston-based National Oilwell Varco (NOV) and is responsible for developing strategic corporate interaction with E&P companies.

David joined Varco International 18 years ago. He spent 3 years in the UK Drilling Systems Service Business before moving to California where he joined the Product Line Management for Pipehandling Products. After completing 3 years in this division, he spent 3 years as the Director of Marketing and Sales with the Shaffer division of Varco before he became Vice President of Marketing and Business Development for Varco.

David played an active role in the National Oilwell and Varco International merger. He was appointed as the Vice President of Products for the merged company for 3 years before being moved to his current role over two years ago.

David Reid serves on the IADC board as the Vice President for Services and is the Chairman of the IADC Advanced Rig Technology Committee. He also is an active member of the SPE Drilling Systems Automation Technical Section. His contribution to the oil industry includes his involvement in the innovative and functional design of modern pipe handling systems. In addition, he has left his mark on project, technology and business advancements in the drilling equipment supply arena. His leadership is also recognized in the design of many of the new build rigs over the last 15 years for Varco and NOV. He has provided active product leadership with new equipment such as Pipe Transfer Systems, Riser Handling Systems, Boltless BOP’s, Control Systems, The TDX [1250 Top Drive](#), [The AR5000](#) and ST-120 Iron Roughnecks.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- 6 *Anne Haugen*
- 12 *Lauren Grabski*
- 20 *Lynn Colwell*

SPWP SCOOP



Please keep us updated on what is new with you!

Denise Kraus is SPWP Woman of Excellence

Jerri Babin was promoted to Vice President Strategic Sales Support—Rig Solutions-NOV

Sandi Peppard is celebrating 10 years with NOV March 19th

Mimi and Angie hosted a great SPWP Casino Night. Thanks for all who came out for the fun!



FHPW NEWS

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



“WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE”

It's that time again!!! The Woman of Excellence nominating committee, which is made up of previous recipients, has voted that SPWP does indeed have a nomination for the 2011 Federation of Houston Professional Women “Woman of Excellence” to be honored at the annual Gala in September.

Being involved in the process of nominating a WOE is as much an honor as being nominated yourself. Each and every nominee provides something unique and special every year. It is my privilege to introduce the 2011 nominee.

What can be said about this year's nominee?

After graduating from the University of Houston, she has maintained a diverse and successful career in the energy industry. While obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Training and Development, she began a part time career with Bovaird Supply Company, which would become full time upon graduation. Some might say she was “born” into this industry being the third generation in her family to pursue a career in oil and gas. Her longstanding professional tenure speaks for itself. Spanning the ups and downs of our industry and surviving several mergers and acquisitions, she is now in a management procurement position. She is able to successfully balance a career, a family, and as many extracurricular activities as one can imagine, including professional and community philanthropies.

She has served and continues to serve SPWP diligently. Having organized Christmas Charities, which included the very successful “Bridge over Trouble Waters,” I remember her truck overflowing the first year to the point she looked like Mrs. Clause exiting the hotel parking lot. She has served on the Board of Directors for several years and also logged endless committee work on Casino, Scholarship and Golf.

Member involvement is rarely seen consistently, so she has been a gift to those who have had the privilege to work along side of her. She is not in the front of the line, nor whom you may see first but she is always pushing from the back and lifting up those who may need a hand.

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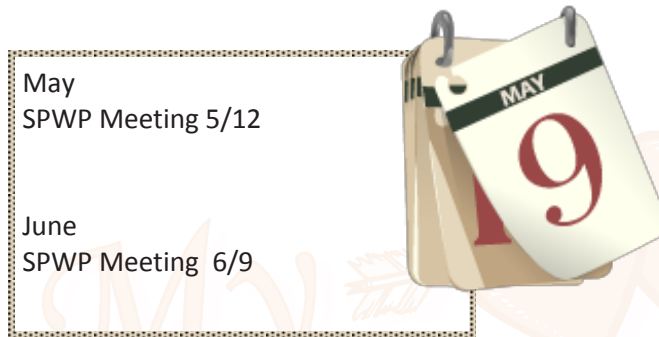
It can't be easy to wrap all of this up and put it into just “one” life but this years nominee not only does it, but she makes it look “easy”!

It is with great pleasure that I announce to you today this years Woman of Excellence nominee Denise Michelle Kraus Kraus (and yes both sets of parents checked the genealogy records)



Denise Kraus
“Women of Excellence”
2011 Nominee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



May
SPWP Meeting 5/12

June
SPWP Meeting 6/9

SPWP's new mission statement: Engaging and Encouraging Women to Accelerate their Careers and Development through Knowledge-sharing, Networking and Friendship.



Society of Professional Women in Petroleum
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The **Society of Professional Women in Petroleum** is incorporated as a non-profit organization that was formed in early 1981. The organization was formed to support professional career women in the petroleum industry through technology and information. Through monthly breakfast meetings and special seminars, SPWP covers all aspects of drilling and production operations and constantly seeks to further expand these parameters of knowledge. Much of this is achieved through the tremendous support of the companies and the individuals who appreciate SPWPs serious dedication and share this technology and information. SPWP's membership consists of women who have active careers in oil related fields, such as Engineering, Geology Sales, Research, Finance, Law, Quality Assurance, Purchasing, Advertising and Marketing. Memberships are available through sponsorship. SPWP provides scholarships to Houston-area high school seniors entering a Texas college. This scholarship promotes young women in need of financial aid. Our scholarship fund is a direct result of our member's dedication to promoting education. The Houston petroleum industry and SPWP membership support our fund raisers. Our fundraisers to date have included crawfish boils, barbecues, golf tournaments and casino nights.

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