



SPWP

Society of Professional Women in Petroleum

AUGUST MEETING

This month's meeting is August 11, 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 August 8th 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, Visa or American Express) 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

Hello Ladies and Clyde!

Believe it or not – school is just around the corner. I know for some of you – it is the 1st day of kindergarten, for others – your first college freshmen and for some of us – the end of great traffic days! I have a young niece who is off to LSU to pursue her dreams of being a Chemical Engineer. As we discussed classes, opportunities to explore new countries and her very bright future, I can clearly remember her first words and her inquisitive nature as it occurred just yesterday. I am so proud of her accomplishments and can clearly see where as navigators in the oil and gas industry – the women of SPWP and other women in our field have paved a very bright future for her and the other 17 young ladies that we just awarded scholarships. The playing field is changing with each year, more young ladies pursue engineering, math, physics, medicine and other non-traditional roles and I am thrilled to see this evolution. With the start of this new school year, I hope that our organization will continue to grow in numbers and also in the success of other women in our industry. Having an organization that is 30 years old – still adding value and helping others succeed is just plain awesome! This month we have our joint AADE meeting and I look forward to seeing new faces.



Please plan to attend as we have two awesome speakers lined up and what a spectacular way to end the summer days. Also – bring a friend. If you have met another successful woman in the oil and gas sector, invite her to attend this meeting and become a part of a world changing organization. Next on our calendar is the FHPW Gala, honoring Denise Kraus. We have reserved a SPWP table and you can have a seat at this awesome event for just \$100. Just see Kelsey or myself to let us know to reserve your place. We need to have all reservations by the end of August. Just a reminder of the 30th Anniversary Celebration on September 25th at Bernhardt Winery. Priscilla is organizing a limo for those who might partake too much of the wine tasting and those that just want a fun ride to Montgomery. The cost is just \$30 for wine tasting and lunch – you will want to buy your ticket at the August meeting. See you August 11th!
 Jerri

JULY MINUTES

July 2011 Minutes

President Jerri Babin called the meeting to order at the Westchase Hilton at 7:49 AM on July 14, 2011. Jerri Babin introduced the board members and asked for approval of the June meeting minutes. Sandi Peppard made a motion to approve, and Ashleigh Steadman seconded.

Secretary Ashley Bourgeois introduced SPWP's four new members for July. The membership welcomed Rhonda Tanner, Courtney Liggett, Kayla Babin, and Ludivine Laurent.

2nd VP, Priscilla Gagliano elaborated on the doings of our 2011 Scholarship Board and asked her committee members to please stand for their introductions. Priscilla introduced our guest speaker, Bridget Wells past SPWP scholarship recipient. Bridget will be graduating from Texas A&M University in December 2012. Following Bridget's welcome speech and words of encouragement to the 2011 Scholarship recipients, Priscilla invited each of this year's scholarship recipients to come up and introduce themselves.

2011 Scholarship Recipients:

Taylor Seale-Attending Texas A&M to pursue a double major in Accounting and Management. She hopes to become a CPA. She will be spending her college years hoping to study aboard and do volunteer work.

Ayesha Kang-could not attend meeting, her speech was read aloud by Carie Watson. Ayesha will be attending UT in the fall and majoring in Plan II which is interdisciplinary liberal arts honors major with a core curriculum that culminates in a bachelor arts degree, she has high hopes to work with the Peace Corps.

Crystal Nguyen- Will be attending UT in Austin, She will participate in the Business Honors Program with and pursue a degree in management.

Kelly Hogg-could not attend the meeting; her speech was read aloud by Carie Watson. She will be attending the UT in Austin, She is in the Business Honors Program and majoring in Finance and Government.

Crystal Czerniak- Attending the UT in Austin. She will be majoring in petroleum engineering and a possible French minor. She also is entertaining the idea of going to Law School follow completion of under graduate school.

Hannah Morrison- could not attend the meeting; her speech was read aloud by Priscilla Gagliano.

She will be attending Baylor to studying music education and math. She has four siblings all currently enrolled in private university, so she is honored and thankful that we are able to assist her in pursuing her higher education goals.

Pooja Prabhakar- could not attend the meeting; her speech was read aloud by Carie Watson. She will be attending UT in Austin and majoring in biomedical engineering. She is thankful we believe in her to help her achieve her educational goals.

Elizabeth Flowers-will be attending Baylor and majoring in psychology. Following under graduate school she would like to attend medical school and become a dermatologist.

San-Pei Lee- could not attend the meeting; her speech was read aloud by Priscilla Gagliano. She is originally from Taiwan and came to USA at the age of 2 months. She is thrilled and honored to have our support as she achieves her educational goals. She loves music and will attend Rice University majoring in Biology. Elizabeth Gilbert-attending Trinity University enjoys activities such as swimming and water polo. She will be majoring in anthropology and minor in French. She eventually hopes to achieve a Doctorate Degree to further her to study in the trends and growth of ancient and modern cultures.

Megan Jordan- will be studying civil engineering at UT Austin, but wants to specialize in environmental engineering. She will be the first female in her family to pursue higher level education, and is thankful of our support for her.

Christian Hamilton-will be attending the Texas State University and pursuing a degree in international studies with a minor in political studies.

Lindsey Kalberer- could not attend the meeting; her speech was read aloud by Priscilla Gagliano. She thoroughly enjoyed the SPWP interview process and will be

attending Texas A&M to major in petroleum engineering. She maintains she will be in touch with us, and hopes to give back one day as we gave to her.

Rachel Fry-will be attending Texas Christian University and major in Biology and Business. Following completion of under graduate studies she hopes to attend Medical School.

Quynh Pham- was an active Girl Scout for 7 years and is originally from Vietnam. She will be attending UT to studying Human Development and Family Studies. She looks forward to pursuing Medical School following her degree at UT.

Yao Zeng (Sherry)-Will be attending UT to major in business finance with a minor in international business studies. She looks forward to staying in touch with SPWP, and is thankful of our scholarship that will allow her to achieve her goals.

Ashley Arnold- will be attending Houston Baptist University. She has been accepted into their honors program where she will study Christianity and Psychology with a minor in Spanish. She would like to enter into the ministries or travel to further serve others in different regions of the world.

President Jerri Babin resumed the business portion of the meeting by offering a final congratulations to all of our recipients.

Jerri announced that we have reserved a table at the FHPW Gala on September 10th. Tickets are \$100. Please let her know if you would like to attend and help us honor Denise. Jerri encouraged members to remember to purchase their tickets for the SPWP 30th Year Celebration Winery Luncheon (\$30/person).

Other Announcements:

API Golf Tournament is October 10 at Kingwood. Please see Priscilla if you would like to volunteer.

SPWP Golf Tournament is on November 7th, please see Tammy to sign up to volunteer (sign up sheet is going around as well).

Next Month is our joint meeting with AADE. We are seeking volunteers for the Intern Event on July 19th. Need to volunteers to greet the Houston Oil and Gas interns that afternoon. Jerri announced the July birthdays, and adjourned the meeting at 8:40 AM.

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AUGUST SPEAKERS

Mark Savery



Mark Savery has been with Halliburton for the last 8 years. Mark started his career as an engineer in Applied Sciences and focused his time on large-scale and small-scale displacement experiments and computational fluid dynamic modeling. Mark then took the role of Product Champion for Cementing Software, which included commercializing Displace 3D™. He is now Cementing's Digital Integration Manager that manages the delivery, integrity, and maintenance of all of Halliburton's software and digital processes. Mark has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MBA from Oklahoma State University. Mark has 12 patents & 14 industry publications, including two AADE's.

Dr. Martha J. Wong

We will also have a brief visit from Dr. Martha Wong. Dr. Martha J. Wong, a native Houstonian, is a third generation Chinese American and the first Asian American elected to the Houston City Council. Her history making election occurred on December 4, 1993, when she captured 62 percent of the votes in the District C run-off. In 2002 Martha made history again by defeating a 22 year incumbent to become the first Asian American woman in the Texas House of Representatives. She became vice chair of two committees and served two terms in the House. Martha has a long list of firsts: first Asian American School Principal in the State of Texas; first Asian-American recognized by the Houston Federation of Women's Award for Excellence in Education; first Asian American in the Texas Women's Hall of Fame; the first Asian American receiving the University of Houston's Distinguished Alumni Award. Dr. Wong earned a Bachelor degree from the University of Texas and a masters and doctorate from the University of Houston. Martha J. Wong is a unique woman who has truly exemplified the best of two cultures. She has made Houston and Texas a better place to live through her service in civic organizations and on Houston's City Council and Texas House of Representatives. In here education service, she has made Texas education better for students and educators. Martha has been a key player in bringing people together and providing leadership in untouched areas.



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August Birthdays

9th Terri Guerrero-Wadley
13th Pam Collins
17th Judy Pickett
29th Alexandra Spindola



FHPW NEWS

To sign up for the FHPW newsletter, send a blank email to:



**CONGRATULATIONS DENISE KRAUS
2011 SPWP "WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE" NOMINEE**



Women of Excellence Awards Gala

"Black and White and Red All Over"

**September 17th, 2011
Reception/Silent Auction at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.**

**Hyatt Regency Downtown
1200 Louisiana St.
Houston, TX**

\$100 / ticket



SPWP

Save the Date!!!

Please join us as we celebrate **SPWP's 30th Anniversary**. Come for wine tasting, a delicious lunch, and a stroll down memory lane.

When: September 25, 2011

Where: Bernhardt Winery
9043 Country Road 204
Plantersville, Texas
www.bernhardtwinery.com

Time: TBA

Cost: \$30 per person / \$60 per couple



SPWP Vision Statement:
Engaging and Encouraging Women
to Accelerate their Careers and
Development through Knowledge
Sharing, Networking and
Friendship.

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Congratulations! To all of SPWP 2011 Scholarship Recipients



September -SPWP Meeting 9/8
October - SPWP Meeting 10/13

SEPTEMBER

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your
Calendar

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

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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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