



SPWP News

Society of Professional Women in Petroleum



Happy Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY MEETING

This month's meeting is February 17, 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

Hello Ladies and Clyde:

February is one of those great months - Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras parades, Groundhog Day and Winter all in one short month. I hope that you ladies are all ready for the Derricks and Dice event, April 1st and have started selling tickets and sponsorships – it will take everyone participating to make it another awesome event. Check out "GO GULF" for our free ad in this month's issue. If you have any questions on how to volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact Mimi.Griffin@nov.com. She is always looking for ideas and help.

Speaking of volunteers... the Scholarship Committee is getting their reading glasses all ready to review the applications for the 2011 Scholarship Recipients. I can tell you that this one of the most rewarding volunteer job you can undertake in SPWP. Meeting the young ladies and their families during this experience will inspire you about this future generation of young ladies. If you want to volunteer your time for this awesome responsibility, please see me or Mary Campana at Mary.Campana@c-a-m.com asap. This committee can only have 12 participants per year.

Work is almost complete on the new member handbook. Great job Priscilla in getting all of us to disclose our secret facts. If you have not had your picture made or sent in your informa-

tion – we will add pages later during the year so be looking for a make-up date later this year. We may not have the books back from the printer by the February meeting but for sure will have them printed by the March meeting. I hope to see all of you and your guests at the HILTON – February 10th. Happy Groundhog Day to all of you!

Jerri

JANUARY MINUTES

President, Jerri Babin called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM on January 13th at the Houston Hilton Hotel.

Jerri introduced the "Situation of the Month" which is a topic that is brought up through membership and each table discusses during breakfast to give suggestions on how the situation could be handled. This month's situation was: Jane Doe is new to management. This position is newly created and employees have not reported through this position before. What advice can you give Jane to make the transition easier?

Jerri welcomed everyone to the breakfast and asked for a motion to approve the December minutes as written. Angie Chappell made the motion and Evalyn Shea seconded. Minutes were approved as written.

Jerri introduced this month's new members: Diane Rowland with Gulf Interstate Engineering and Jaena Strong with National Oilwell Varco.

Jerri requested volunteers for SPWP's FHPW delegate and Sandi Peppard & Carie Watson volunteered to be the representatives with Cari Mielsch volunteering as an alternate.

Second Vice President, Priscilla Gagliano gave a membership directory update asking for those who had not provided their information to do so as soon as they can.

Casino Chairman Mimi Griffin reminded everyone the Casino event is happening April 1st at the City Center Red Oak Ballroom. There is a block of rooms that have been secured for a reduced rate. Committee members had invitations available for members to take with them and hand out to generate interest. The 1st committee meeting was held on Tuesday, January 11th and they still need volunteers.

Jerri placed a scholarship committee signup sheet at the entry table for volunteers.

Kate Lumley introduced January's speaker, Julie Jenkins with Prepared 4 Life. Julie introduced us to Lemonade Day. Lemonade Day is a fun, free, educational initiative through a lemonade stand. They use the lemonade stand to teach life skills and entrepreneurial skills. The program has been used in schools, YMCA, Boy/Girl Scouts, and the faith-based community; just to name a few. Topics kids learn are: selling goals, business plan-

ning, finding inventory, site selection, advertising, stand construction, purchasing, making lemonade, accounting, banking, and giving back. Of the \$4.2 million raised, the children gave back \$1 million. Julie left each of us with information on how to get involved, business cards and buttons.

Jerri wished the January births a happy birthday.

Jerri asked for each table to share what they would do about the situation of the month. Some of the suggestions are:

- Be compassionate and listen to your employees.
- Rule by example.
- Be available for your employees.
- Keep employees updated on what is going on.
- Ask for advice from mentors or people higher up from you.

Joan Kraus gave a Clyde update. Joan and Mary Ann Vandermark went to visit Clyde. They said he was very appreciative of each and every note and card that he receives from us.

Jerri asked the multiple visitors to introduce themselves and she welcomed them to our breakfast.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM.

NEW MEMBERS

Name: Jessica Hutchison
Title: Global Business Development
Company Name: Jarvis International Freight
Sponsored By: Terri Wadley
Committee (s) Interest: Golf

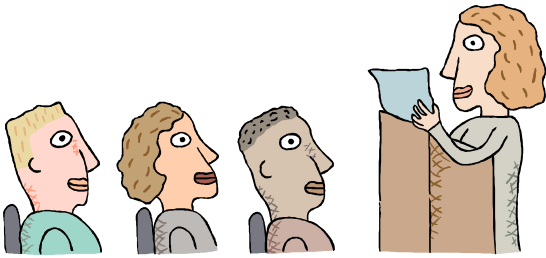
Name: Rachel Lemond
Title: Buyer/Planner
Company Name: NOV
Sponsored By: Gina McGinn
Committee (s) Interest: Casino & Golf



Name: Lisa Donnelly
Title: Joint Interest Coordinator
Company Name: BP
Sponsored By: Priscilla Gagliano
Committee (s) Interest: Scholarship

Name: Lydia Brantley
Title: Next Gen
Company Name: NOV
Sponsored By: Aurora Garling
Committee (s) Interest: Casino

FEBRUARY SPEAKER



Jannette McWhorter—Oilfield Helping Hands

Jannette McWhorter began her professional career with three years at Johnson Space Center. She then joined the oilfield and has been here for 18 years mostly in the role of Project Manager. She is no stranger to the ups and downs of the oilfield with five layoffs in the last four years. She is currently a consultant for BP.

Jannette considers earning her business degree her greatest accomplishment to date. It took her 16 years, but she wanted it! Finally she earned her business degree in 2003 while working full time, going to school full time, and some semesters, taking as much as 18 hours on top of the 40 hour work week. Jannette’s advice: “There are things you can do something about and some you can’t. Focus on what you can do-and get after it!”

Rather than being unemployed, Jannette began a professional organizing business called chaos2clarity, and still organizes in her spare time. That, her two hunting labs, three cats, and water ski boat keep her busy during her personal time.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 9 *Alicia Torben*
- 21 *Margaret Hare*
- 23 *Anne Heyden Dicks*
- 27 *Janean Lyon*

SPWP SCOOP



Please keep us updated on what is new with you!

Mitch Kraus, son of Denise Kraus and grandson of Joan Kraus will be performing in San Antonio, TX 2/10. The Pearland High School Men’s Choir was selected to perform as the only Men’s Division 5A choir at this year’s Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) convention.

Terrie Guerrero-Wadley had her baby on February 11, 2011. Brooke Olivia Wadley, she was born at 12 noon weighing in at 7lbs she is just perfect! Both mommy and baby are doing great.

FHPW NEWS

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

fhpw-news- subscribe@egroups.com.



Humorist Jeanne Robertson is an expert in humor, whether regaling audiences with her experiences as a 6'2" Miss Congeniality winner in the Miss America Pageant or outlining the steps to developing a sense of humor. Jeanne has been awarded every top honor in the speaking profession.

Author of three books on humor, Jeanne has produced six DVD/CD humor programs in the last eleven years and can be heard daily on Sirius XM Radio's Laugh USA family comedy channels. This lets millions nationwide know she speaks two languages fluently: English . . . and Southern. Check her out she is very funny.

Sunday, March 20, 2011 7:00 PM

Cullen Theater, Wortham Theater Center, 501 Texas Ave., Houston, TX 77002

Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Federation of Houston Professional Women Educational Foundation (FHPWEF)

The Mission of the Federation of Houston Professional Women Educational Foundation is to award scholarships and grants to aid and advance the education and knowledge of women in the community.

FHPWEF is a 501c3 non profit foundation. Fair market value \$30.00 consult your financial advisor for deductibility.

Single ticket \$40.00

Contact—
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Make checks payable to
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SCHOLARSHIP



If there is anyone interested in participating on the 2011 Scholarship Committee and can commit to interview dates and evaluation time, please contact: Mary Campana

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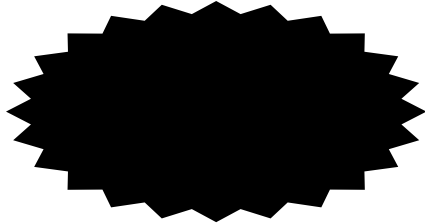
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March
SPWP Meeting 3/10

April
Casino Event 4/1
SPWP Meeting 4/14



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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