



SPWP

Society of Professional Women in Petroleum

MARCH 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:

Thanks for everyone being so accommodating last month when we had to move the meeting due to "ice" issues. Those who were able to attend the rebook date had the pleasure of catching up with Clyde and seeing just how well he is doing. Please keep those cards and phone calls coming – he loves to keep up with all of us.

"Derricks and Dice" is just around the corner - as with everything SPWP does –it takes everyone doing their part to make our events successful. Please volunteer to help during set up and during the evening – we will need everyone to pitch in to make it a success! Please continue to sell tickets, sponsorships, prizes – see Mimi for a complete list of what is required. The committee has been working on getting the menu, prizes and entertainment lined up to be an outstanding night of fun and fund raising. Please invite your co-workers, customers and friends to a night that benefits



our scholarships. SPWP is awesome in giving back to the future –let's keep the legacy going. Next on our agenda – Scholarships! We have been organizing the applications and will start the process of selecting the 2011 recipients – thanks Scholarship Committee for your dedication to getting the job done! The handbook is almost complete and will be a great aid in getting to know your fellow members. You won't want to miss the March meeting and pick up your copy.

See you on March 10th!
Jerri

FEBRUARY MINUTES

President Jerri Babin announced the Situation of the Month:” In management do you focus on improving on the weakness or the strengthening the strengths of your employees?”

7:45 AM on February 17, 2011 at the Westchase Hilton Hotel, President Jerri Babin called the meeting to order by welcoming Clyde Perrere back. Sandi Peppard made a motion to approve the January minutes as written, and Lellany Conaway seconded.

Ashley Bourgeois, secretary, introduced new members for February. (Rachel Lemond, Jessica Hutchinson, Lydia Brantley, Lisa Donnelly)

Kelsey Hulett, Treasurer, reminded members that dues are due February 28th. Please utilize PayPal and make your payments.

Mimi Griffin, casino chair, provided members with an update on Casino Night. The donations are coming in, but members are not buying tickets. Please purchase your tickets for Casino Night. It is important that we support our own event. There will be band, a photo booth, and fun to be had. Additionally, raffle tickets are for sale. Please pick up your raffle tickets and sell them for a \$1 a ticket. You do not have to be present to win the \$750 gift card.

Mary Campana provided Scholarship update. The application deadline is March 1. Our application is now all electronic, and we have received many completed applications. We are still in need of members for the committee, if you are interested in joining please contact Mary.

Jerri Babin introduced our guest speaker, Jannette McWhorter from Oil Field Helping Hands. Jannette advised that OHH is having trouble giving money away to people in need. She is here to spread their message that they are there to help, and would like us to reach out to those people that we know could utilize their resources.

OHH helps people/families of all ages. The criterion is that you must have worked in the Texas oil industry for at least five years. However, OHH is not expanding their resources to offer aid to families in Tuscaloosa, OK and Lafayette, LA. This has been made possible by the 2010 Hunting Charity Award. Since 2003, OHH has given away more than a million dollars. They raise their money through donations and 5 charity events. They have 500 members, with about half of that being an active membership. In the recent past, OHH has assisted Homes for the Troops and the Deepwater Horizon Benefit which raised over \$200,000.

Jannette feels that the trouble with finding people to give their resources to is Pride. They want to alleviate people’s burdens, and pride sometimes gets in the way. They ask us to help them by speaking to our HR departments and having them send personnel to oilfieldhelpinghand.org for assistance.

Other Business:

Sandra Mourton made an announcement about the upcoming AADE golf tournament where SPWP can raise money by selling mulligans. The tournament is on Monday, April 4 at the Black Horse golf course off of 290, and she needs 4 volunteers for the morning and 4 for the afternoon. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Evalyn Shea announced that the Marine Technology Society (MTS) is hosting a technical writing workshop next Thursday (February 24) at the Pelazzio on Westheimer. Registration is \$75 for MTS members and \$100 for non-members. Professional engineers can earn PDH hours.

Mary Campana announced that the FHPW Educational Foundation Board is hosting a fundraiser on Sunday, March 20. They are selling tickets to comedian Jeanne Robinson’s show at

Wortham Theater. More information is available in the February newsletter.

Jerri Babin asked the different tables to share their discussions on the Situation of the Month topic about whether to focus on strengths or weaknesses when developing your employees. Sandra shared that her table discussed focusing on weaknesses in order to increase awareness and develop them into strengths. Jerri shared that her table felt both were important, and that the decision should cater to the particular person, depending on how receptive they are to constructive criticism. Evalyn shared that her table discussed a different topic – improving the image of the oil and gas industry. They suggested spreading the word that many companies do risk assessments in order to prevent accidents.

Jerri announced that our speaker next month will be Kirk Raney from Shell, and his topic will be Enhancing Production from Offshore Oil Reservoirs. Please note: Kirk’s daughter is one of our scholarship recipients.

Mimi Griffin announced that she would be handing out raffle tickets as people leave.

Jerri adjourned the meeting at 8:35.

NEW MEMBERS

Name: Lisa Prrisler
Title: Account Representative
Company Name: Cenergy International
Sponsored By:
Committee (s) Interest: Golf

MARCH SPEAKER



Kirk Raney
”Enhancing Production from Offshore Oil Reserves”

Kirk Raney received a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Tulsa in 1981 and an MS and PhD in Chemical Engineering from Rice University. He joined Shell Development Company in 1985 and worked 22 years at Westhollow Technology Center in Houston. He provided R&D and technical service support to Shell Chemicals including synthesis and development of surfactants for a variety of applications. These include enhanced oil recovery, household detergents, paper deinking, industrial and institutional cleaning, and personal care. In 2008, Kirk moved to Shell International Exploration & Production at Bellaire Technology Center in Houston. He is now a member of the enhanced oil recovery R&D team and is working on reducing costs and expanding applicability of chemical EOR. He has received 18 US and approximately 50 foreign patents and served as an Associate Technical Editor of the Journal of Surfactants and Detergents from 1998 through 2007.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 9 *Wendy Hatz*
- 11 *Ashley Bourgeois*
- 14 *Nicole Papandrea*
- 14 *Martha Kveton*
- 14 *Joan Kraus*



- 16 *Melissa Chavez*
- 16 *Mimi Griffin*
- 24 *Fvalyn Shea*
- 26 *Gina Crawford*
- 27 *Lauren Jijina*

SPWP SCOOP



Please keep us updated on what is new with you!

Libby Nowicki is starting a new position with NOV MD TODCO Group as an Associate Analyst.



It was great to see Clyde at the February meeting! In case you missed the meeting here are some photos. We miss you Clyde!



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.



Jeanne Robertson

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

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Make checks payable to
FHPW Educational Foundation

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

April
 Casino Event 4/1
 SPWP Meeting 4/14

May
 SPWP Meeting 5/12



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

WE'RE ON THE WEB:
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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 SPWP's 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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