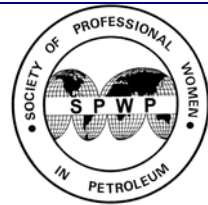


SPWP NEWS



April 2007

President's Letter:

Dear SPWP Members and Guests,

As I sit down to write my President's letter for April, I look forward to this Friday night (March 30th) since it is the 22nd SPWP Casino Night at the Westlake Club. I know the committee is putting the finishing touches for this fundraising event that contributes to our SPWP scholarship program and I hope to see all of you there. It is always an eloquent and fun evening at the Westlake Club. The atmosphere, the games, the prizes, the food, the view and the women of SPWP make this an unforgettable evening!

Many thanks to Susan Ponce for her very informative presentation about being a good leader. It is so challenging and I know that everyone came away with a new perspective in today's workplace. I think of so many things that were highlighted in her presentation especially when I look at my shoes!

In April, Dr. Wade Adams from Rice University will introduce many of us to Nanotechnology in the petroleum industry. I visited the Web site and was amazed! Bring a friend and enjoy learning more about Nanotechnology and SPWP at breakfast on April 12th at the Marriott Westchase.

This month brings not just April showers, but so many events on the calendar. Easter arrives on the 8th. (Please be sure and remember that taxes are due on April 16th!) The Federation of Houston Professional Women (FHPW) will have their quarterly meeting on the 23rd. The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) runs from April 30th to May 3rd. Please be sure and read the rest of the newsletter for information and happenings!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting on the 12th and wishing a Happy Easter to all!

Sincerely,

Mary

April's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, April 12th, 2007**, at the Marriott Westchase, located at 2900 Briarpark Drive near Westheimer and Beltway 8, at 7:30 a.m. Regrets should be made with **Denise Kraus** by noon on Monday, April 9th using the Evite email. If you do not receive an Evite, please contact Denise at (713) 237-3510 or dkraus@spwp.org. If you do not plan to attend, you **must** regret. If you do not RSVP, we may not have space to accommodate your attendance. We welcome all guests to the April meeting. Guest reservations must be made with a credit card (MC or Visa).

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

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Minutes of the March Meeting

Mary Campana called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. at the Marriott Westchase on March 8, 2007 and she introduced the SPWP Board for 2007. Guests were then introduced.

Patsy Wells introduced Susan Ponce, Senior Vice President of Commercial Law for Halliburton Energy Services Group. Susan has been employed with Halliburton for seventeen (17) years and change has been the only constant in those seventeen (17) years. She spends much of her day on leadership and management issues. In her view the role of lawyers has changed from problem-solving to assisting with business decisions. Therefore, being a good leader is paramount to success in today's workforce. Some leadership characteristics and guidelines Susan employs daily are the following:

- (1) Ability to adapt to change;
- (2) Ability to make decisions, risk being wrong and accept responsibility if your decision is wrong;
- (3) Willingness to think about the impact of one's actions and decisions will have on others and/or the organization;
- (4) Ability to communicate both good and bad to employees and/or the organization;
- (5) Ability to translate theory into action;
- (6) Ability to adapt to different styles of dealing with others; and
- (7) Take care of your shoes (e.g., dress to present the message you want to convey to others)!!

Patsy Wells presented Susan with a token of SPWP's gratitude for attending the meeting and

sharing her experiences and guidance for success.

Melissa Marshall moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting and Vicki Mays seconded the motion. The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Melissa Marshall gave an update on Casino Night, which will be held on March 30, 2007 at the Westlake Club. The last Casino Night committee meeting will be held on March 14th at Escalante's in Town & Country Shopping Center. Only three (3) slot machines are left available for sponsorship. Ticket sales are severely needed. Those members will raffle ticket and entry ticket money should turn it in as soon as possible to Margaret Hare. The sponsorship form is on the SPWP Web site.



Erica Bogan circulated a questionnaire on tables for members to complete detailing the types of social and educational outings they would be interested in attending. The June educational outing to the Ocean Star has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts.

Mary Campana announced that the FHPW Quarterly meeting will be held on April 23, 2007. There will be an update on other FHPW information and events in the SPWP April newsletter.

Barbara Kender gave an update on the workings of the scholarship committee and announced that scholarship

applications are slower coming in this year.

Mary Campana announced that Oilfield Helping Hands will have a Clay Shoot on March 23, 2007. Those interested should contact Gary Brooks. Clyde wished a Happy Birthday to all the March ladies!

Alicia Torben suggested that at future meetings volunteers introduce new members each month. A floor discussion was had with several suggestions for ways for new members to become better acquainted with those members who have been members of SPWP for a longer period. One suggestion was placing biographies of new members and sustaining members.

Mary Campana announced the speaker at the April 2007 SPWP meeting will be Dr. Wade Adams from Rice University who will be speaking on Nanotechnology in the petroleum industry.

Mary Campana announced that the Women's Global Conference will be held on November 27-28th at the Westin-Galleria Hotel. SPWP was a sponsor of this event in 2006 and Evalyn Shea would like to again sponsor this event in 2007. There is no cost to SPWP to be a sponsor of the event and all SPWP members would receive a \$100 discount off the registration fee for the conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.





Introducing...

In this new feature, SPWP will focus on introducing two members of our organization. The introductions will serve as a venue for opening discussions between members, and allowing us to get to know each other a little better. We may find we have more in common than just our industry!



Joan Kraus

Any nicknames? *My High School friends, like Peggy Vincik, call me Joanie.*

Member of SPWP since: *Peggy Angelcyk invited me to either the first or second breakfast meeting ever held. At that time, I don't think the organization had been officially named. She was a friend of one of the lunch bunch that originally had the idea for SPWP. While serving as Treasurer on the first board of SPWP, one of the lawyers at Fluor Supply helped me file the original incorporation paperwork for SPWP.*

What is your current career path and how did you get here? *I am currently General Manager of VAM USA, a company that provides Premium threading on Oil Country Tubular Goods for High Pressure or High Temperature wells. I joined VAM USA a little over five years ago. For approximately 17 years prior to that, I sold VAM threads through several different full line Distribution Companies. These*

companies had access to just about every piece of equipment that it takes to drill or produce a well or build a production facility.

Future career goals?

I am a "baby boomer" whose future career goal is to retire, eventually, to the lake and do some consulting when I get an opportunity that intrigues me.

Any special experiences or memorable moments in your career?

There have been many memorable events in my career. Probably the most unique one is that I was the first female to be given an outside sales position with the Bovaird Supply Company, the oldest family owned full line supply company in the US. They originally opened in the mid 1800's as a manufacturer of oil well products and actually delivered products to the Drake well in Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Any areas of expertise? Special knowledge?

My areas of expertise are primarily in Oil Country Tubular Goods – both with API and Premium connections and in general production valves, fittings and flanges etc.

Personal life, hobbies, family, favorite books?

Personal hobbies are Golf, Bridge and sewing. I enjoy reading James Patterson, Nicholas Sparks, and a plethora of other authors.

Favorite anecdote?

I have three daughters and two grandsons who like for me to go fishing with them.



Lindsay Elizabeth Hanisko

Any nicknames? *Not yet*

Member of SPWP since: *2006*

How did you come into SPWP? *Recruited by Denise Kozar*

What is your current career path and how did you get here? *I am a Supply Chain Specialist for BP. I came from a college in Ohio, BGSU, and majored in Supply Chain Management and Operations*

Management. Currently I am in the final year BP's development program called Challenge. I have experience in both offshore drilling and onshore operations.

Future career goals?

To lead a team of people successfully in the oil industry. At one point in my career, I would like to manage the training/development and recruiting of supply chain management personnel.

Any special experiences or memorable moments in your career?

My first trip to Wamsutter, Wyoming to see a facility construction that I was managing the contract for. The smallest plane and bumpiest ride to the middle of nowhere, an experience I am not soon to forget.

Any areas of expertise? Special knowledge?

Planning and Communication are my current strong points. I am very successful at recruiting college graduates and choosing effective training plans for myself and others.

Personal life, hobbies, family, favorite books?

I love to see my family in Ohio and I enjoy participating in Martial Arts, Volleyball, Cycling, and Golf. My favorite book is "The Tenth Circle." I have a passion for food, and I love to entertain people and cook a huge Italian meal.

Favorite anecdote?

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent" - Eleanor Roosevelt

Want to recommend someone to be featured in "Introducing...?" Want to volunteer? If so, contact Lilia Glekel for all the details!



FHPW 2007 Dates

FHPW meetings will be held on April 24, July 24, and October 23, 2007. The FHPW Gala has been scheduled for September 29. Stay tuned for the location. The submission deadline for the FHPW scholarship is May 4.

Since SPWP is affiliated with FHPW (Federation of Houston Professional Women), we encourage all

of our members and guests to check the FHPW Web site for the latest topics relevant for women doing business in Houston. FHPW offers an emailed newsletter coming right to your mailbox. To sign up, send a blank email to: fhpw-news-subscribe@egroups.com.

The FHPW Quarterly Meeting will be held at the H.E.S.S. Building on Monday, April 23, beginning at 5:15 p.m. for introductions. The meeting will feature Gail Schubot, Attorney and Volunteer Firefighter. Reservations are required: www.fhpw.org. Purchase a table and save! Sign up to sponsor and get a set of raffle tickets thrown in!

Gail Schubot, who has been practicing law for 25 years, is owner and senior attorney of The Schubot Law Firm, P.C., a business law practice in Houston. Her firm's focus is franchise law and business expansion through merger, acquisition, licensing, distribution and other growth strategies for companies large and small.

In addition, Schubot not only serves as Vice President on the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, she is an EMT who also drives and operates the fire engines.

Happy Birthday to SPWP Members!

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| Ann Haugen | Apr. 06 |
| Dianne Hernandez | Apr. 10 |
| Lauren Grabski | Apr. 12 |
| Patty Jordan | Apr. 16 |
| Ashley O'Neill | Apr. 18 |
| Erica Bogan | Apr. 19 |



April Speaker & Topic



Dr. Wade Adams is the Director of the Richard E. Smalley Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology at Rice University. The Smalley Institute is devoted to the development of new innovations on the nanometer scale by coordinating and supporting nanoscience and nanoengineering research of over 120 faculty members. Some current thrusts include research in carbon nanotubes, nanoporous membranes, molecular electronics and computing, and diagnostic and therapeutic medical applications of buckyballs and nanoshells. The Smalley Institute is part of a major initiative at Rice to expand activities in nano, bio, info and enviro science and engineering, and to expand interactions with the Texas Medical Center through the Alliance for NanoHealth. Dr. Adams retired from the US Air Force senior executive ranks in January 2002, as the Chief Scientist of the Materials and Manufacturing Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Adams was educated at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Massachusetts.

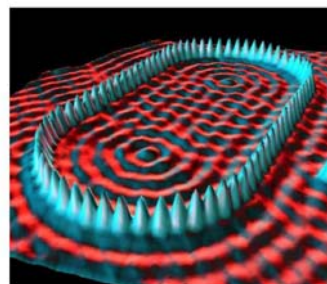
For the past 33 years he has conducted research in polymer physics, concentrating on structure-property relations in high-performance organic materials. He is internationally known for his research in high-performance rigid-rod polymer fibers, X-ray scattering studies of fibers and liquid crystalline films, polymer dispersed liquid crystals, and theoretical studies of ultimate polymer properties. He has written more than 200 publications on these topics, including several review articles and two edited books,

has four patents (one licensed), and has given over 600 technical presentations. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and the Air Force Research Laboratory. Dr. Adams retired from the Air Force Reserve in the rank of Colonel in 1998.

Be a Scientist – Save the World! Nanotechnology, Energy and the Future of Houston

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Energy is both the single most important problem facing humanity today and a magnificent scientific opportunity. We will need a minimum of ten terawatts (the equivalent of 150 million barrels of oil per day) from a new, clean energy source by 2050. Solving this problem will demand revolutionary breakthroughs in the physical sciences and engineering, and particularly in nanotechnology. This talk will briefly describe nanotechnology, the magnitude of the energy problem, some enabling nanotechnology revolutions that will be needed to address the problem, the workforce issues, and some thoughts on how Houston must change to sustain its world-leadership position.





Mark Your Calendar

April:

Easter

Sunday, April 8, 2007

SPWP Meeting

Wade Adams, Ph.D. from Rice University's Richard E. Smalley Institute of Nanoscale Science and Technology will be presenting on nanotechnology in the petroleum industry. April 12

Taxes Due

Tuesday, April 17

OTC

April 30-May 3

May:

SPWP Meeting

Thursday, May 10, 2007

November

The 2007 Women's Global Leadership Conference is scheduled for November 27-28 at the Westin Galleria.

Other Announcements

The SPWP Yahoo group has been disabled. Please go to the SPWP web site (www.spwp.org) for the latest news and information.



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Chair - Cathy Williams
Co-Chairs - TBA

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Chair - Melissa Marshall
Co-Chair - Nancy Bell

SPWP Education/Social Committee

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Patsy Wells
Alt. - Evalyn Shea