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## News

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### *April Meeting*

This month's meeting will be held April 8, 2010 at the [Marriott Westchase](#) at 7:30 a.m.

You must regret if you do not plan to attend. Regrets and RSVPs should be made with [Terri Guerrero](#) by April 5th via email or the Evite. If you do not RSVP, we may not have the space to accommodate your attendance.

Guest reservations can be made by credit card (MasterCard or Visa) at the breakfast meeting or via PayPal on our [Web site](#): [www.spwp.org](http://www.spwp.org).

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

Hello Ladies!

Hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter holidays and didn't eat too much chocolate! April is here and so is our 25<sup>th</sup> annual Derrick and Dice Casino Night event. I hope that you have all bought your tickets but if not, please stop what you are doing and go to our website today and purchase your tickets. I can guarantee that you will not want to miss this event. In addition to adding money to our scholarship fund – it is a great time to socialize and win great prizes. Kelsey, Mimi and their committee have been hard at work rounding up sponsors, prizes and entertainment for a spectacular event. The honorary chairman for this year is Bill White, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Texas so it will be your opportunity to mingle with Mr. White and ask those burning questions in person. If this isn't enough enticement, the food and beverages should be. So, let's all get out our dancing shoes and be at the Hotel Derek – April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 – it takes all of us to make this a success – so be there!

I also know that the scholarship committee is busy reading the essays so please give them your encouragement – they have the awesome responsibility of choosing SPWP's 2010 scholarship recipients and I know that these scholarships make a huge difference in these young ladies lives. Thanks to the Scholarship committee for all of their hours of work to ensure that our money is well spent.

Priscilla has done it again and managed to secure Hal Lynde from 94.5 FM, "The Buzz" as our April guest speaker. Just what we all need after paying our 2009 taxes! Hal works with individual and institutional clients offering portfolio strategies, interest rate risk management solutions, financial planning, and wealth building. Hal's approach is to work with people and business on a comprehensive level. I believe you will walk away with some insightful and helpful information.

We are in the final countdown for Casino and it takes all 75 of us to pull off a successful event – so let's all pull together and exceed expectations!!!! If anyone can do this – SPWP can.

Happy Spring!  
Jerri

Jerri Babin  
SPWP President 2010

## March Meeting Minutes

Jerri Babin called the meeting to order at the Westchase Marriott on March 11, 2010 at 7:40 AM. Ashley Bourgeois made a motion to approve the February minutes as written. Mary Campana seconded.

Ashley Bourgeois welcomed our five new members (Cathi Matula, Amy Choucair, Ali Ashley, Marlane Kayfes, and Wendy Hatz) for February to SPWP.

Priscilla Gagliano introduced our guest speaker, Bill Arnold. Mr. Arnold is currently a Professor in the Practice of Energy Management at the Jones Graduate School of Business at Rice University. Bill Arnold enthralled the SPWP members with his stories of past experiences while working in the energy industry. Bill has worked with the likes of Mrs. Barbara Bush, Lady Bird Johnson and Queen Rania Al Abdullah. Bill Arnold during his early years in the financial sector even had the opportunity to enlighten Saddam Hussein on his country's current economic status. Bill Arnold highlighted that he has learned that the Energy sector is quite unique for several reasons: Financial Challenges, Government Regulations, Misunderstood Industry, and Technical Challenges. He encourages us, as representatives, of this industry to continue to educate those around us on what the energy sector has accomplished in recent years. Bill shared that the energy sector touches so many people's lives. It is a very global industry, so that it is important for us as colleagues in this market sector to not forget the human element. This process of working is all about the people you met, and to not forget the community.

Lauren Grabski reminded members that dues are now due. If you do not pay your dues of \$75 by

March 31<sup>st</sup>, she will be forced to make your membership delinquent. Please visit [www.spwp.org](http://www.spwp.org) and pay your dues utilizing PayPal.



Kelsey Hulett and Mimi Griffin took the podium and provided a Casino Night update. Please make a note that the event is April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Hotel Derek. This is our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Casino Event. We will have Mayor Bill White as our Honorary Chairman along with some great live music, provided by Ezra Charles Band. We will also have a 2009 Scholarship recipient, Jessica Gull, as a guest speaker. You can purchase tickets on our website. Please note that the invitations provided are not entry tickets to the event. You must make reservations on PayPal. Kelsey and Mimi will be sending out email confirmations to our guest. The raffle tickets are ready, so please pick up a bundle after meeting. Kelsey and Mimi encourage us to sell our raffle tickets in bundles...sell five for \$5, 10 for \$10. Kelsey and Mimi asked members to please sign up to help work a shift the night of the event. The shifts will be no longer than 30 minutes, so please sign up after the meeting. Kelsey reminded members about the free room at the Hotel Derek to the member who sells the most reservations. Kelsey and Mimi announced that we have raised a little over \$15,000, so that we must keep going!

Jerri Babin invited the guest to introduce themselves. We welcomed Cari Mielsch, Alex Spindola, Martha Kveton, Cristen Ocepek, Elizabeth Ramnarine, Leslie McCain, Busola Adeniran, Theresa Johnson, Chandra Crane, Rachel Yates, Nicole Smith, Ashley Crenshaw, Mona Ayoub, Xiaoying Li, Sally Moore, Jennifer Ramos to March's meeting.

Jerri Babin adjourned the meeting at 8:38 AM.



April Speaker - Hal Lynde  
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Hal works with individual and institutional clients offering portfolio strategies, interest rate risk management solutions, financial planning, and wealth building. Hal's approach is to work with people and businesses on a comprehensive level.

Hal holds the following licenses:

- NASD Series 7 General Securities
- NASD Series 8 Sales Supervisor
- NASD Series 24 Registered Principal
- NASD Series 63 Uniform State Securities Law
- NASD Series 65 Registered Advisor License

Personal activities include:

- Furniture Bank, Houston – Chairman of the Board
- Newscaster on 94.5 The Buzz (6:45 AM & 3:45 PM financial update)

- 002 Houston Magazine - Financial Editor
- Varsity Coach for Stratford/Memorial High School Hockey Team

## Casino Event Update

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Derricks & Dice Casino Event is only 1 week away! The \$750 Visa Check Card Raffle tickets are still available. Remember – these tickets are only \$1 each, 5 for \$5, or 10 for \$10. Try to sell in bundles not just one at a time! Thanks to the generous contribution of Pride International every dollar we sell in these raffle tickets goes straight to the bottom line! The raffle will be drawn the night of our Casino Event, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and the winner does not need to be present to win.



We will be announcing the winner of the Hotel Derek room reservation at Thursday's breakfast meeting. So far, in the lead is Janet Tarkington with 13 reservations sold. Close behind Janet are Alicia Torben (selling 11) and Ashleigh Steadman (selling 10). It is not too late to give these ladies a run for their money. Keep selling those entry reservations!

Please continue to network about the event, soliciting entry reservations and sponsorships. We need everyone's support to make this night a success!

Thank you to Sandra Mourton for securing the British Airways raffle package again this year!

We need floor volunteers for the night of – volunteers will assist in registration, raffle, and chip sales. Please see Debra Broussard or Kelsey Hulett for further details!

## New Member Applications

**Name:** Leslie McCain  
**Title:** Sales Manager  
**Company Name:** Instone International  
**Sponsored By:** Andrea Flynn  
**Committee(s) Interest:** Casino Night, Golf Tournament

**Name:** Cristen Ocepek  
**Title:** Sales Initiatives Liason  
**Company Name:** National Oilwell Varco  
**Sponsored By:** Jerri Babin  
**Committee(s) Interest:** Casino Night, Golf Tournament



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## Happy Birthday SPWP Members!

Ann Haugen....4/6  
Lauren Grabski....4/12  
Erica Coman....4/19  
Lynn Colwell....4/20  
Jamie Secrest....4/22



## Mark Your Calendar



**May**  
SPWP Meeting 5/13

**June**  
SPWP Meeting 6/10

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