

# SPWP NEWS



August 2007

## President's Letter:

Dear SPWP Members, Scholarship Recipients and Guests,

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support in July for SPWP's Scholarship Recipient Breakfast meeting. July has always been extra special with recognizing our scholarship recipients and their families. With high school graduation finished, a new chapter in life will be opening for each of these young women who will be attending one of our fine colleges or universities in Texas. SPWP and I would like to wish them well in their future as they embark in their studies. Also, I would like to congratulate and thank the parents for their support, endless time, dedication and love in helping their daughters in life!

At this time, I would also like to thank Janet Clark from Marathon for sharing her presentation with SPWP. We appreciate the support of companies and individuals that come and share information and technology and allow each of us with SPWP to grow in our careers.

This year continues to be busy and SPWP was involved in the OEC Salute to Interns at Minute Maid Park this last Tuesday. FHPW had their quarterly meeting with recognition of all Women of Excellence including our own Melissa Marshall. The Golf Committee is continuing to meet and finalize our next big fundraiser in November. Please keep informed through the newsletter and Web site of all events and happenings.

This month we welcome the American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE) for our annual joint meeting. Jeff Shorter, the Director of Line Pipe with Tenaris, will be our guest speaker. Please come and bring a friend to learn more about our industry. It will be a morning to network, meet old friends, welcome new acquaintances and to have breakfast!

Hope to see all of you at the August meeting!

Sincerely,

*Mary*

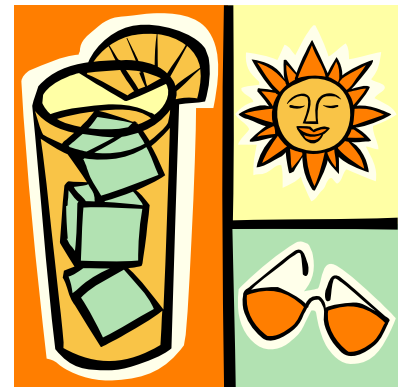
## August's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, August 6<sup>th</sup> using the Evite email. If you do not receive an Evite, please contact Denise at (713) 237-3510 or [dkraus@spwp.org](mailto: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 August 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 July Meeting*

Melissa Marshall called the meeting to order at the Marriott Westchase on July 12, 2007 and she introduced the SPWP Board for 2007.

Vicki Mays moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting and Carla Cooper seconded the motion. The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Erica Coman thanked the members who attended the social outing to see the musical "Sweet Charity" on June 28, 2007. She also circulated sign-up sheets for the upcoming cooking class at Central Market.

Lilia Glekel reported on the SPWP newsletter which featured Patsy Wells and Janet McAfee for July 2007. She circulated sign-up sheets for volunteers to be featured in the "Presenting New & Seasoned Members" section of upcoming newsletters. She also announced that newsletter submissions on industry items are welcome.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Federation of Houston Professional Women will be held on July 23, 2007 at which time the 2007 Women of Excellence will be announced.

Patsy Wells introduced Janet Clark who is executive vice president and chief financial officer at Marathon Oil Corporation. Ms. Clark spoke on "Marathon's Strategy for success in the Oil and Gas Industry & the Challenges." The oil and gas industry currently has a challenging industry environment because of cost increases, capacity constraints, expanded government taking (both fiscal and regulatory), shortage of trained personnel and increased volatility and uncertainty in prices and margins. Sixty percent of the

world's natural reserves are controlled by no equity access reserves which leaves little available to oil and gas companies for development. Another problem is that there is not enough discovery to replace production the world is using. Humans are not reducing oil and gas consumption because of population growth and increases in the standard of living. Nuclear and alternative energy will contribute to alleviating the stress, but these unconventional energy sources still only represent a very small portion of energy utilized currently.

Marathon's attributes for future success include profitable resource capture, the ability to provide fully integrated energy solutions, differentiating technology, ability to execute on major projects, the ability to identify opportunities in advance of competition and the ability to maintain financial strength through cycles. Marathon is the fourth largest integrated oil company based in the United States. In 2006, Marathon had \$65 billion in revenue and \$5.2 billion in net income. Marathon is building further growth beyond 2010 by exploring in the Gulf of Mexico, Angola and United States resource plays.



The oil and gas industry in the United States is coming back because drilling and completion technologies and improved project execution. However, the United States needs diversity of its energy supply and to achieve this, the U.S. needs to look at other fuel sources and other technologies.

Marathon pays close attention to the domestic market dynamics which is driven in part by a medium term Washington D.C. which is driven heavily by politics. Marathon's shareholder return is just behind Valero. It has a very good growth profile and its future growth pattern outlook is positive.

Kathy Fox, Supplier Diversity Manager with Marathon Oil Corporation, announced that Marathon is committed to giving women-owned and minority-owned businesses a chance to bid on projects and requested that any businesses that would qualify contact her to see about bidding projects with Marathon.

Barbara Kender announced the 2007 scholarship recipients. Since 1998, SPWP has awarded \$528,000 in scholarship awards to 323 young ladies. Barbara thanked the Scholarship Committee members for their hard work and dedication, as well as the parents of the scholarship recipients.

Nancy Bell Scales announced the new members to SPWP—Barbara Davis, JoAnn Prazak and Pamela Lagowski.

Melissa Marshall announced that twelve volunteers for the API Golf Tournament to be held on October 8, 2007 were needed. API gives SPWP a generous donation to for the SPWP scholarship fund. However, if less than twelve volunteers are available for the golf tournament, SPWP will relinquish some of its holes.

Sandra Mourton thanked SPWP on behalf of the Offshore Energy Center for its sponsorship of the third printing of the OEC's Passport to Petroleum.

Melissa Marshall announced that the next breakfast meeting would be held on August 9, 2007. Jeff Shorter with Tenaris

will be speaking. She reminded everyone that the August meeting is the joint meeting with the AADE.

Clyde wished a Happy Birthday to all the July ladies and Melissa Marshall wished Clyde a Happy Birthday also!

Clyde congratulated Lellany Conaway on being appointed the first female golf chairperson for the API Golf Tournament!

Evalyn Shea announced that the Salute to Industry Interns hosted by the Offshore Energy Center will be held on July 23, 2007 and volunteers for the SPWP booth are still needed. Those individuals who work at the event receive free admission to the Astros game for July 23, 2007.

Melissa Marshall announced that the deadline for registering to attend the FHPW's Women of Excellence event is July 29, 2007.

Cathy Williams gave an update on the SPWP Golf Tournament which will be held on November 5, 2007 at Windrose Golf Club.

The meeting was adjourned.



### **Looking Ahead**

This year we will start having the SPWP Annual Business Meeting in the month of November. With half the year gone, it may be early, but please think about becoming involved with SPWP and running for a Board position in 2008! This is a great way to become involved and find out more about SPWP. Please

contact any current Board member if you have any questions on the different positions.



### **FHPW 2007 Dates**

An upcoming FHPW meeting will be held on October 23, 2007. The FHPW Gala has been scheduled for September 29. Stay tuned for the location.

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](mailto:fhpw-news-subscribe@egroups.com).

### **Happy Birthday to SPWP Members!**

Jeannie Thomas .....	Aug. 09
Pam Collins .....	Aug. 13
Monica Dobre .....	Aug. 17
Ashley Gaudin.....	Aug. 18
Barbara Kender.....	Aug. 25



### **Other Announcements**

**Women's Global Leadership Conference:** The 2007 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women's Global Leadership Conference will be held on November 27-28 at the Westin Galleria. SPWP will sponsor the conference again this year. The conference will kick-off with a networking reception on the evening of the 27<sup>th</sup>. SPWP members attending the conference are eligible for a \$100 registration discount. There has been a Web site setup for early information on the conference: [www.gulfpub.com/WGLC](http://www.gulfpub.com/WGLC).



Plans for the **2007 SPWP Charity Golf Tournament** are well under way.

We are happy to report that we have already booked the first five teams. We need sponsors and donations for door prizes and volunteers for the day of the event. We are also collecting items with or without company logos for our Ditty Bags. We already have koozies, golf balls, tees and pencils. Attached are copies of the Registration Form and the Sponsors Form for your convenience. NOTE: while verbal commitments are great, contracts are a must. Contracts are booked on a first come, first served basis and must be in hand before any sponsorships, teams, etc., will be official.

The deadline for submitting player information is October 19. Any player's names, donations, etc., received after this date will not be included in the tournament program. Late donations for door prizes will be recognized at the dinner following the tournament.

If you are interested in serving on the golf tournament committee or as a volunteer at the event, contact Cathy Williams, Susie Coon, or Lellany Conaway. The tournament is scheduled for Monday, November 5th at the Wind Rose Golf Club.



**SPWP's next social event** is going to the Central Market Kitchen. On Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m., SPWP has

scheduled a private kitchen with an amazing chef to teach us some great new dishes for the fall. There are only 48 spots available and EVERYONE - members, non-members, and friends are welcome to come! The 2.5 hours includes fun, learning, a delicious dinner, making and growing friendships, and only costs \$60.00. Please be on the look-out for the "SPWP Kitchen Saute" Evite. I'm looking forward to eating great food with everyone in the air conditioning!

~Erica Coman  
Email: Erica.coman@vetco.com



**FHPW's Gala for the Women of Excellence** is Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Downtown located at

1200 Louisiana @ Polk. The discounted ticket rate for the event has been extended to August 30th. Individual seats are available at \$65, and tables of ten (10) at \$600 (discounted to \$60 per seat for a complete reserved table). Contact Mary Campana if you are interested in participating in the table reservation.

After August 30<sup>th</sup> the price increases to \$70 for an individual seat, and \$650 for a table of ten.

Since SPWP has nominated our own Melissa Marshall, this is a great way to network and socialize and show support for one of the leading ladies of Houston.



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**Congratulations to SPWP's 2007 Scholarship Winners!** 2007 marks another year of SPWP successfully awarding some very deserving young women a scholarship toward reaching their higher education goals. They are:

Bethlehem Yikalo  
Andrea Mai-Tran  
Victoria Walker  
Morgan Brett Lowdermilk  
Lauren Thompson  
Alyssa Franklin  
Crystal Reuther

Rebecca Caitlin Shelley  
Jeannette Mojica  
Stephanie Griffs  
Ashley White  
Kristen Frederick  
Sarah Lai  
Jessica Bruno

Krista Thomason  
Roxanna Ghalamdanchi  
Sera Nejad  
Edilsa Lopez  
Jessica Ann Flores





## Introducing...

*In this 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!*



**Jerri Babin**

Any nicknames?	<i>None</i>
Member of SPWP since: How did you come into SPWP?	<i>I joined SPWP in February 2004 at the urging of one of my close friends, who just happens to be the brother of Joan Kraus. We had been discussing the difficulty of networking for women within the oil industry and he suggested that I talk with his sister who at times had had the same conversation. I was hooked. This organization focused on successful women within the oil industry and encouraged networking and increased awareness within our industry.</i>
What is your current career path and how did you get	<i>Currently I am the Program Manager of Land Rig Projects at NOV. I manage a group of Project Managers that have land</i>

here?  
Future career goals?

*rig projects ranging from \$1 -\$60 million dollars. I have worked for National Supply, National Oilwell and National Oilwell Varco for about the last 15 years. I started in Research and Development during the downturn of the 1980's but as soon as I could, I moved to International Sales, where I quoted and ordered wellhead spare parts. I returned to National Oilwell to quote spare parts and was promoted to Area Coordinator for the Middle East. After establishing the Jebel Ali office and working with the ME group for 6 years, I moved to Downhole Tools to manage the international sales group. I then had the opportunity to move to Project Management for rig equipment, which had been my career goal for many years. Just recently I was promoted to Program Manager within the PM group. Over the last 4 years I also have had the opportunity to work with the Next Generation Program at NOV – recruiting young talent to our organization. I thoroughly enjoy mentoring and learning from all of the young people in this program. As I look to the future, I hope that I can continue to be open to all possibilities, whether they are in the US or overseas.*

Any special experiences or memorable moments in your career?

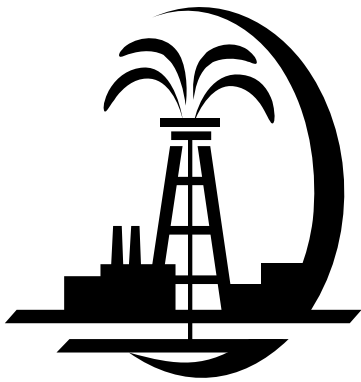
*I started traveling to Dubai before it was the city that it is today. The first time I got off the plane after being sprayed with pesticide, I could not get over the temperature – it was 120 at night! Today Dubai is one of the most modern cities in the world and it is my favorite place to visit. The people are friendly, the food delicious and the hotels are unbelievable. I have enjoyed go cart racing, camel riding, belly dancing and safari dune riding- just to mention some of the experiences. Having a hand at starting up a new facility with the ability to impact the business in an area for years to come – is*

	<i>one of my greatest achievements to date.</i>
Any areas of expertise? Special knowledge?	<i>During the embargo against Iraq, I became the Oil for Food coordinator for National Oilwell. I got to work with the Department of Commerce, Department of Treasury and various FBI agents. Wading through the mountains of paperwork for over two years was an experience. We were thrilled with the first actual order. Just recently NOV received an order for nine land rigs for Iraq and it feels that all of those late nights paid off.</i>
Personal life, hobbies, family, favorite books? Favorite anecdote?	<i>Carpe Diem seems to be my motto. You never know where everyday is going to lead you and you just need to be open to the possibilities. I am trying to be a bike rider again. I bought a new bike to ride in the MS150 – and I will someday but I have been content to just ride around the neighborhood. I read PEOPLE magazine religiously. I have been married for 30 years and have a son, Graham, who works in Dallas and my daughter, Kayla is a senior at SFA.</i>



**Erica Coman**

Name: Any nicknames?	<i>My name is Erica N. Coman. My husband, Danny, calls me "B" which is short for my maiden name "Bogan".</i>
Member of SPWP since: How did you come into SPWP?	<i>December of 2006, and joined because Mary Campana suggested it as a great opportunity, and it definitely has been so far! I am the current social chair, so if anyone has any great ideas send them my way!</i>
What is your current career path and how did you get here? Future career goals?	<i>I'm currently a Manufacturing Engineer at Vetco Gray, a GE Oil and Gas Business, and have worked at Vetco for a little over a year. I graduated high school from Bartlesville, Oklahoma, went to college at Texas A&amp;M University where I studied Manufacturing Engineering Technology. I worked for one year at an environmental company as a sales person, and then accepted an amazing job at Vetco where I truly look forward to going to work everyday. I hope to be going back to school in the next year to get my MBA.</i>
Any special experiences or memorable moments in your career?	<i>After working for a relatively short time at Vetco, I was asked to take over, and correct our customer property area and tracking system. I was able to implement a system, use a 6-sigma approach to cleaning up the area, show that the system was maintainable, and trained many fellow employees about the new system. The area has seen such improvement that it was later used as a back drop for filming a training video.</i>



<p>Any areas of expertise? Special knowledge?</p>	<p><i>My expertise of technical knowledge is growing everyday, but my real talent is that I'm a people person. One way I am able to utilize this skill is by giving the manufacturing plant tours at Vetco Gray. I love getting to meet all the different participants, and showing them all what Vetco does best.</i></p>
<p>Personal life, hobbies, family, favorite books? Favorite anecdote?</p>	<p><i>I recently got married to my best friend (Danny), and we have two wonderful Italian Greyhound pups who are our kids for now. When I married Danny (who is the baby of 8 kids) I became the 34<sup>th</sup> immediate family member, so family is very important (I barely beat the 35<sup>th</sup> who will be born in September)! We attend Chapelwood United Methodist, and I volunteer at Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC). This year we have participated in the Houston half-marathon, several sprint triathlons, we recently finished an Olympic triathlon (1 mile swim, 26 mile bike, 6.2 mile run), and we are preparing for the Houston Marathon. I love to cook, read, scrap book, go to the movies, travel, concerts, musicals, play with my puppies, and enjoy time with my husband. This is me in a nutshell! ☺</i></p> <p><i>Book: <u>Tuesdays with Morrie</u> by Mitch Albom</i></p> <p><i>Quote: "To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch.... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!" ~ Emerson</i></p>

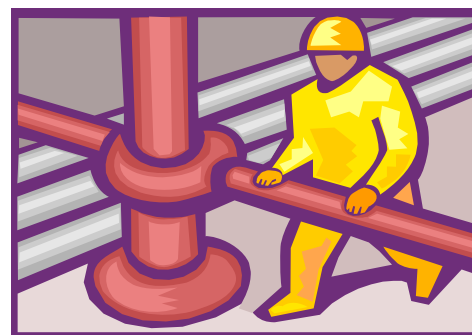
*Want to recommend someone to be featured in "Introducing...?" Want to volunteer for an upcoming newsletter? If so, contact Lilia Glekel for the details!*

## August Speaker



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**Jeff Shorter** is the Director of Line Pipe for Tenaris in the United States. Jeff has been in the Steel and Pipe Industry for 15 years. Jeff has been a member of the management team in the Tenaris Hickman, Arkansas facility since 2003. Prior to joining Maverick Tube / Tenaris Jeff worked 12 years for North Star Steel / Cargill in various management roles of increasing responsibility. Jeff received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, MI and his Masters degree in Business Administration from Youngstown State University in Youngstown, OH. Jeff has recently returned from a six month assignment in Argentina and is currently living in Houston.





## Mark Your Calendar

### August:

#### SPWP Meeting

Thursday, August 9  
Joint meeting with AADE

Jeff Shorter with Tenaris will be speaking on "The Integration of Maverick and Hydril into Tenaris and Impact on Tenaris Blue Connection"

### September:

#### Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 3

#### SPWP Meeting

Thursday, September 13

#### FHPW Gala

Saturday, September 29

### October:

#### API Golf Tournament

Monday, October 8 at Kingwood

#### SPWP Meeting

Thursday, October 11

#### FHPW Meeting

Tuesday, October 23

### November:

#### SPWP Golf Tournament

Monday, November 5, at Windrose Golf Club

#### SPWP Meeting

Thursday, November 8

#### 2007 Women's Global Leadership Conference

November 27-28, Westin Galleria.



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