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News

Society of Professional Women in Petroleum

Supporting career women in the petroleum industry through technology and information

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August Meeting

This month's meeting will be held Thursday, August 13, 2009, at the Marriott Westchase, located at 2900 Briarpark Drive near Westheimer and Beltway 8, at 7:30 a.m.

Regrets should be made with Terri Guerrero by noon on Monday, August 10 using the Evite. You must regret if you do not plan to attend. Contact Terri at: tguerrero@spwp.org if you do not receive an Evite. If you do not RSVP, we may not have space to accommodate your attendance.

Guest reservations must be made with a credit card (MC or Visa) at the breakfast meeting or via Paypal from our Web site: www.spwp.org.

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

President's Letter

SPWP Members and Guests,

Our members have been busy as ever with Casino and Scholarship. Now with fall approaching, the Golf Committee is hard at work organizing what will no doubt be another successful event on November 2. Please consider helping the event chair Patsy Wells and her co-chairs Terri Guerrero and Lellany Conaway in their efforts to achieve another prosperous fundraiser. The committee will not only raise money for scholarships, but will represent and promote our amazing organization within the petroleum industry.

Speaking of promoting our amazing organization, our own June Rogers will represent SPWP at the Federation of Houston Professional Women's Woman of Excellence Gala on September 19th at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. Make plans to join us for an exciting evening celebrating this outstanding member.

I would also like to thank those who participated in our July SPWP Scholarship Recipient Breakfast Meeting. It was a very impressive group of young women. July has always been extra special with the recognition of our recipients and their families. This year was no exception as we welcomed back two past recipients to be our guest speakers. I could not have been more delighted to hear Bridget Wells and Gina Pereira speak about their life experiences. Bridget and Gina demonstrated what the future has in store for these young women. Each recipient will attend one of the many outstanding Texas universities with degree interests as diverse as each of them. SPWP certainly wishes them all the best as they venture into the next phase in their young lives.

This month we welcome the American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE) in our traditional joint meeting. The honorable Bill White, Houston Mayor and current candidate for the United States Senate, will present 'Energy Policies'. We are very excited to have this esteemed member of our community as a guest speaker.

Melissa

Melissa Marshall, President
Society of Professional Women in Petroleum

July Meeting Minutes

Melissa Marshall called the meeting to order at the Westchase Marriott on July 9, 2009 at 7:45 a.m.

Melissa Marshall spoke about how inspired and excited she was about the scholarship awards meeting. She cited a history of women in this country that have accomplished extraordinary things to help pave the way for young women today in several industries.

Jerri Babin introduced our speakers, past scholarship recipients Gina Pereira (2003) and Bridget Wells (2008).

Gina thanked SPWP for the scholarship she received in 2003. She graduated in 2007 and has returned to the industry to work at NOV. She encouraged the scholarship recipients to ask questions at their respective schools and to lean on members of SPWP for help and encouragement. Gina pointed out that there are so many majors that touch the oil and gas industry and that each of the recipients has the ability to give back to the industry.

Bridget Wells also expressed her appreciation to SPWP for several reasons. The scholarship money has helped her so far in her college career, and the encouragement of several SPWP members has kept her on the right track. She asked the scholarship recipients to never give up and stay focused. Bridget also offered her contact information to all of the 2009 recipients in case they needed encouragement in the future.

Mary Campana introduced the 2009 recipients which included: Rebecca Alderman, Alison Barton, Lauren Clifford, Shachi Daru, Julie Fogarty, Jessica Gull, Rachel Jones, Thuba Khalid, Catherine Lowe, Stephanie Roberts, Erin Yen and Olivia Fisher. There were three recipients not in attendance (Lindsay Seiberling, Laura Glasscock and Lily Ngyuen). Mary reported that we had awarded \$641,100 to 356 young ladies since the scholarship program started. Mary explained that her daughter was a recipient prior to Mary becoming a SPWP member and was very appreciative. She also noted that SPWP hosts two major functions each year for scholarship fundraising, Casino Night and the Golf Tournament.

Mary gave a brief history of the Angie Mockler Memorial Scholarship that is awarded to the outstanding young woman who expresses energy and dedication. This year we awarded two Mockler Scholarships to Jessica Gull and Julie Fogarty. Nancy Bell then announced that the Board voted to initiate the Vicky Mays Memorial Scholarship that would be awarded to a young lady who gave of herself and was philanthropic because that was Vicky's nature. This year we had such a young woman, Rachel Jones, who completed 700 hours of community service.

Priscilla Gagliano announced the FHPW Quarterly meeting is on July 27th. June Rogers is SPWP's 2009 Woman of Excellence inductee. For information on the Federation of Houston Professional Women, visit FHPW.org.

Melissa Marshall mentioned that the API Golf Tournament is Monday, October 12, 2009. The proceeds from our help with this tournament benefit the SPWP scholarship fund.

Melissa Pastrano asked if there was interest among the membership to set up a SPWP group in LinkedIn. The response was favorable, so Melissa will get the group set up.

Melissa Marshall announced the PayPal link on the Web site is up and running for future use.

Clyde Perrere wished the July birthdays a very Happy Birthday.

The joint Meeting with AADE is in August; Melissa urged all to register early.

Melissa Marshall asked for a motion to approve the June minutes as written. Patsy Wells made a motion to approve and Peggy Vincik. The minutes were approved as written.

Patsy Wells mentioned the SPWP Golf Tournament is set for November 2, 2009 at Windrose Golf Club. More information will be coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

August Speaker - Mayor Bill White

As mayor of Houston, the nation's fourth largest city, Bill White will complete his third term in January 2010. Born in San Antonio, Mayor White graduated from Harvard University on American Legion scholarships and then attended The University of Texas School of Law where he graduated with highest honors. For decades, Mayor White and his wife Andrea have helped lead numerous charitable and civic organizations. Together they started Expectation Graduation to reduce dropout rates, engaging volunteers to bring dropouts back to school.

Mayor White began his career as a plaintiff lawyer at a leading Houston law firm. Prior to serving as mayor, he served as U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy from 1993 to 1995. He then organized Frontera Resources, a developer of oil and gas in the Caspian Sea region and was chairman of the Texas Democratic Party from 1995 to 1998. He was president and CEO of WEDGE Group, an energy, construction and real estate company from 1997 to 2004.

As mayor, Bill White has made public safety one of his highest priorities and saw Houston's crime rates drop to the lowest levels in more than 25 years. For this leadership and dedication to fighting crime, he received the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award. Mayor White also was honored with the John F Kennedy Profile in Courage Award in 2007 for his service during Hurricane Katrina. During his three terms, Mayor White has boosted Houston's economics by hosting the Super Bowl XXXVIII, the 2004 MLB All Star Game, the 2006 NBA All Star Game and the 2005 World Series. Mayor White uses business practices every day at City Hall to improve service and get things done. Mayor White has also announced his intention to run for Kay Bailey Hutchison's Senatorial Seat in 2010.



Women of Excellence Gala

SPWP delegates to the Federation, Ashley Bourgeois and Priscilla Gagliano, attended the July 27th meeting. Evalyn Shea and Melissa Marshall joined them to support our 2009 Women of Excellence, Ms. June

Rogers. They were happy to be there to honor June and shared in an evening of fun, celebration and fellowship.



Please make plans to attend the Gala on September 19 at Hyatt Regency. The cost is \$70. For more information contact Melissa Marshall.

Women Standing Strong and Working Together
Saturday, September 19th, 2009
5:30 p.m. - Reception/silent auction
6:30 p.m. - Dinner

To sign up for the FHPW newsletter, send a blank email to: fhpw-news-subscribe@egroups.com.

Attention!

Texas Women's Conference

The Texas Conference for Women will be held at the George R. Brown Center on November 12th. Discount tickets are available for \$100.

The following link offers information about the speakers and sponsors:

<http://www.txconferenceforwomen.org/>

Energy Citizens Rally for Jobs and Affordable Energy

The oil and natural gas industry will be facing tremendous challenges this Fall in Washington. Proposals for new climate/energy/tax laws that are being considered will affect peoples' lives in many ways. Depending on what actions Congress takes, jobs could be at risk and consumer energy costs could rise significantly. The stakes have never been higher; the time to take action is now.

During August, Senators and Members of Congress will be in their home states to listen to constituents about issues like these. In fact, this year Senate

leaders have indicated it's a good time to hear from their constituents before deciding how to vote on energy matters.

The rally will be held August 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Verizon Wireless Theatre (Downtown-Bayou Place).

New Member Applications

Name: Renee Fisher
Title: Human Resources Manager
Company name: Hess Corporation
Sponsored by: Janean Lyon
Committee interest: Scholarship, Golf Tournament

Name: Mimi Griffin
Title: IQ2 Application Coordinator
Company name: National Oilwell Varco
Sponsored by: Jerri Babin
Committee interest: Casino, Golf Tournament

Happy Birthday to SPWP Members!

Pam Collins....8/13
Rachel Hawthorne....8/15
Judy Pickett....8/17
Terri Guerrero...8/19
Barbara Kender....8/25
Keri Gonzalez...8/26



Mark Your Calendar

August
SPWP Meeting
Thursday, August 13

September
SPWP Meeting
Thursday, September 10

October
SPWP Meeting
Thursday, October 8

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Co-chair - Mary Campana

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Co-Chair – Nancy Bell-Scales

Education/Social Committee

Chair – Evalyn Shea

Co-Chair - Erica Coman

Hospitality Committee

Chair - TBA

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Chair - Melissa Pastrano

FHPW Delegates

Delegates - Ashley Bougeous and Pricilla Gagliano

Alternate - Mary Campana

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