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# SPWP

## 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 August 12, 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 August 9th 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.

Dear Ladies and Clyde:

Another summer is flying by. I am sure that you have taken some time off and visited new places and met lots of new people. As you come in contact with ladies within our industry, I hope that you will take the time and invite them to join SPWP. We have a lot to offer as they continue their career within the oil and gas industry with mentoring, networking, technology advancements and sharing of best practices. I encourage each of you to invite someone new to SPWP. August is the month we share with AADE and I look forward to hearing Dr. Michael Economides speak. His insight on global situations and the impact to the oil and gas industry is overwhelming. Be sure and invite others to attend as I know we can expect a very informative morning.

Thanks again to Mary and her committee for their hard work in selecting the 2010 scholarship recipients. I believe that SPWP is making a difference in each of these young ladies lives and I am very proud of our hard work. I especially enjoyed hearing from Skylar Yancey and her success story at Texas A&M. I believe that she will change the world with her enthusiasm, tenacity and selflessness and after speaking to her mother, I know that we helped make that happen.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I will see you on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to get there early to get a good seat!

Jerri

Jerri Babin  
SPWP President 2010

## July Meeting Minutes

On July 8, 2010 President Jerri Babin called the meeting to order at 7:50 AM at the Westchase Marriott. Priscilla Gagliano made a motion to approve the June minutes as written, and Ashley Steadman seconded.

Membership Secretary, Ashley Bourgeois, welcomed our newest members for July, Nicole Papandrea and Amanda Robinson. She introduced the concept of the 'Scoop Cup'. SPWP wants to celebrate our members' news and success, so should you have any scoop you like to share please place it in the scoop cup, and it will be printed in the following newsletter.

Lellany Conaway, Golf Committee co-chair, encouraged members to please sign up to help with the golf tournament. The sign in sheet can be found at the front desk. We also need SPWP members to please begin thinking about who they can find to sponsor or donate prizes and gift certificates. The SPWP Golf Tournament is November 1<sup>st</sup>, so please add the date to your calendars. We will have 36 teams, so please begin recruiting for our event.



Second Vice President, Priscilla Gagliano, introduced our guest speaker, Skyler Yancey. Skyler is a 2008 SPWP Scholarship Recipient who is currently attending Texas A&M where she is studying Communication. Skyler delivered a message to the 2010 recipients that SPWP is more than just a financial resource to them. She illustrated that SPWP are mentors that show great examples of professional women. She advised on her experiences and provided members and guest with a few things to remember:

1. Mistakes...they will happen, so learn from them and move on.

2. Get involved, and continue to push yourself into new experiences.
3. Member that grades are not everything.
4. Strive to be a leader, and change the world.
5. Take chances, and make the most of each and every day that you are given.
6. Think ahead, and plan.
7. Remember that you are blessed to be an American, so continue to reach for the stars.

Scholarship Chair, Mary Campana, educated members and guest on the history of the SPWP Scholarship. 1984 the first Scholarship was given to Carol Dorasky, and since then SPWP has awarded \$696,600 to young women achieving their goals. Mary reviewed how outstanding this year's recipients are by highlighting some of their fabulous essays and accomplishments. Mary introduced this year's Mockler recipients. These girls honor our past member by being passionate, determined, young woman. This year's Mockler was given to:

- Kelsey Mitsdarffer who is attending Texas A&M studying petroleum engineering.
- Heather Muir who is attending UT in Austin to study nursing.

In the past year we have honored other members who have given their time and support to SPWP. This year we awarded an SPWP Honorary Chair Scholarship to:

- Luz Rocha who is attending Rice University to study chemical engineering.

This year SPWP received applications for 86 qualified individuals, and awarded 16 women with Scholarships.

Kelly Best-UT studying Civil Engineering  
Nirali Desai-UT studying biomedical engineering  
Alexandra Durkee-Texas A&M studying financing and law  
Laurann Hofweber -UT studying nursing  
Katherine Honeycutt-Texas Christian studying editorial journalism  
Julia Lindgren-Texas A&M studying nutrition and food science  
Kelsey Mitsdarffer-Texas A&M studying petroleum engineering  
Heather Muir-UT studying nursing

Marissa Oldiges-A&M Galveston studying marine biology  
Rownak Rahman-UT studying petroleum engineering  
Laura Raney-Rice studying biology/engineering  
Luz Rocha-Rice studying chemical engineering  
Elizabeth Roensch-UT studying biomedical engineering  
Brenda Saucedo-UT studying biology  
Kayla Steward-UT studying psychology and cognitive neuroscience  
Rachel Taylor-Texas A&M studying chemical engineering

Jerri Babin reminded members that August is our joint meeting with AADE. Dr. Michael Economides will be our guest speaker.

#### Other Announcements:

Priscilla Gagliano announced that she is looking for volunteers to assist with the API Golf Tournament that is on November 11<sup>th</sup>, please let her know if you are interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 AM.



### SPWP Golf Update

1st Golf Committee Meeting Kick off - Tuesday  
August 31st at 5:00pm - Collina's Italian Cafe,  
8800 Katy Freeway

### August Speaker – Michael J. Economides

A chemical and petroleum engineer and an expert on energy geopolitics he holds a number of positions such as professor at the Cullen College of Engineering, University of Houston, Chairman of the Board of XGAS, a natural gas firm ([www.xgas.us](http://www.xgas.us)) and Managing Partner of Dr. Michael J. Economides Consultants, Inc. with a wide range of industrial consulting, including major retainers by several Fortune 500 companies and national oil companies, Editor-in-Chief of *Energy Tribune* ([www.energytribune.com](http://www.energytribune.com)) a newsletter in the energy and related industries and activities and Editor-in-Chief of the peer-reviewed *Journal of Natural Gas Science and Engineering*, published by Elsevier.

Technically, he casts a commanding figure in petroleum and natural gas reservoir and production engineering. With 15 textbooks and almost 300 journal papers and articles, his works are referenced by almost all practitioners in the field.

In the relatively recent past he has served as Senior Technical Advisor to China's CNOOC and subsidiary COSL, to ENI, Italy's main petroleum multinational company and for more than 5 years to Yukos and Sibneft, Russia's major petroleum companies. During 1997 and 1998 Economides was in Venezuela as the Senior Advisor on Production Technology for PDVSA, the national oil company of Venezuela.

Following his 2000 best seller *The Color Of Oil* and a large number of publications in international magazines, he is considered by many as the premier world expert on the geopolitics of energy, giving about 50 speeches per year to groups from many large professional societies, organizations and corporations. He is a frequent guest on national and international media, appearing on CNBC, Fox News, Canada's Business News Network, BBC World Service and many local stations throughout the world. He writes for the editorial pages of major newspapers and internet news organizations.

His latest wide appeal books are *From Soviet to Putin and Back: The Dominance of Energy in Today's Russia* ([www.soviettoputin.com](http://www.soviettoputin.com)) and *Energy: China's Choke Point*.



SPWP Member Terri Guerreo became **Terri Wadley** the weekend of July 10<sup>th</sup>.  
 Congratulations Terri!



*Get pumped for an evening of fashionable fun!!*

- Taste sophisticated wines and delicious hors d'oeuvres
- Experience a strolling fashion show
- Shop our Marketplace with some of Houston's top boutiques and designers
- Bid on one-of-a-kind trips to the wine country, luxury items and unique gifts in our silent auction ... all for a good cause!

Meet The California Vintners & Taste Fabulous Wine

Delectable Hors d'oeuvres

Shop Our Marketplace With Houston's Finest Boutiques & Designers

Strolling Fashion Show

Silent Auction With Luxury Items

**Date:** Friday, September 10, 2010  
**Time:** 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm  
**Place:** The Parador  
 2021 Binz Street  
 Houston, Texas 77004

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Lauren Grabski receives a promotion to  
 Operations Manager in Training with NOV.  
 Congratulations Lauren!

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Evalyn Shea's daughter, Katie, is getting married  
 August 7<sup>th</sup> in San Diego!

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Jessica Burke passed the certification test, and  
 has received her Customs Broker's License.  
 Congratulations!

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

The Federation of Houston Professional Women and  
FHPW Educational Foundation  
presents the

**Women of Excellence Awards Gala  
Celebrating Strong Women in Action**

**Saturday, September 11th, 2010**

**Reception/Silent Auction  
Dinner**

**\*\* NEW LOCATION \*\*  
Hilton Post Oak  
2001 Post Oak Blvd  
Houston, TX 77056**

## New Member Applications

**Name:** Jessica Burke  
**Title:** Licensed U.S. Customs Broker and  
International Trade Specialist  
**Company Name:** GJA Trade Services, LLC  
**Sponsored By:** Ashley Bourgeois  
**Committee(s) Interest:** Casino Night

**Name:** Aurora Garling  
**Title:** Strategic Accounts Coordinator/Sales  
Support  
**Company Name:** NOV Tuboscope  
**Sponsored By:** Ashley Bourgeois  
**Committee(s) Interest:** Casino Night, Golf  
Tournament

## Happy Birthday SPWP Members!

Cristen Ocepek....8/3  
Terri Wadley....8/9  
Pam Collins....8/13  
Rachel Sinclair....8/15  
Judy Pickett....8/17  
Keri Gonzales....8/26  
Alex Spindola....8/29



## Mark Your Calendar



September  
SPWP Meeting 9/9

October  
SPWP Meeting 10/14

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