



# SPWP

## News

### *Society of Professional Women in Petroleum*

*Supporting career women in the petroleum industry through technology and information.*

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#### August's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**, 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 11<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.**

#### President's Letter

Dear SPWP Members and Guests,

Whew! Hard to believe that 2008 is in it's eighth month! I'm not sure where the time is going but it is most defiantly "going"! Though it's not surprising, as SPWP members have been as busy as ever with Casino, Scholarship and now the Golf Committee is hard at work putting together what will no doubt be another successful event on November 3rd. Please consider helping your chair Patsy Wells and your co-chairs Teri Guererro and Lellany Conaway in their efforts to not only raise \$\$\$ but also to promote our amazing organization within the petroleum industry. Speaking of promoting our amazing organization, our own Vicki Mays will be representing SPWP at the Federation of Houston Professional Women's "Woman of Excellence" Gala on September 27th at the Hyatt Regency Downtown.

I would like to thank those who participated in July for our SPWP Scholarship Recipient Breakfast Meeting. July has always been extra special with the recognition of our recipients and their families. With high school graduation finished a new chapter in their life will begin. Each one will be attending one of the many outstanding Texas Universities with degree interests as diverse as each of them individually. 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 annual joint meeting. Clay Williams, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of National Oilwell Varco, will be speaking on "Mergers and Acquisitions in Oilfield Services". Please join us for his interesting and informative presentation and, of course, there will be good food, great networking and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Melissa Marshall, President  
Society of Professional Women in Petroleum

## Minutes of the July Meeting

Melissa Marshall called the meeting to order at the Sheraton Brookhollow on July 10, 2008 and she introduced the SPWP Board of Directors for 2008. Patsy Wells made a motion to approve the May 2008 SPWP meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Sandra Mourton and the minutes were approved by a majority vote.



Jerri Babin introduced the speaker for the July meeting, Kimberley K. Denney, President of Air Liquide America, L.P. and CAO of Air Liquide USA, L.L.C. Kimberley has chemical engineering and MBA degrees. Kimberley gave a background summary of Air Liquide and its current major business activities. Kimberley then spoke on the topic "Finding Your Passion." First, one must identify what they would sacrifice for by defining your focus, whether in your job or personal life. Second, one must expand their horizons. A person can accomplish this by taking on special projects, pursuing continuing education, and exploring networking connections. Third,

one must change their perspective. Fourth, articulate what you are passionate about (e.g., write it down, discuss it and let it soak in). Next, assure that you are well-rounded. Fifth, rinse and repeat. A person will encounter different phases in life and they may need to re-evaluate their passions at the various phases of their lives. Kimberley advised that a person should surround themselves with support and encouragement by utilizing their networks to help them nourish and grow their passion. Your network can be organizational (boss, SPWP or other industry organization and/or program management) or informal (mentor, friends and/or family members). Lastly, Kimberley advised that wherever you are in your career; zealously pursue your passion by being energetic, communicating, taking calculated risks, challenging yourself and always doing the right decisions for the right reasons.

Margaret Hare gave a background of the SPWP scholarships program, announcing that SPWP has awarded \$581,100 to 340 women over the years. In 2007, SPWP will be awarding \$55,000 to seventeen (17) scholarship recipients. Margaret Hare then announced Jessica Davidson as the recipient of the Angie Meckler Memorial Scholarship and presented all the scholarship recipients to the members and guests of the meeting.

Margaret thanked all the Scholarship Committee for their hard work.



Melissa Marshall announced that Ellen Howell delivered quintuplets two (2) weeks ago and that Carla Cooper would be collecting money for a donation or purchase of baby gifts for Ellen.

Clyde announced that the mystery hand shaker was Lellany Conaway and this month's winner was Joan Kraus.

Melissa Marshall announced that July 28, 2008 is the next quarterly meeting of the Federation of Houston Professional Women at which time the Women of Excellence recipients for 2008 will be announced. The Women of Excellence Gala will be on September 27, 2008. The deadline to reserve tables at a discounted price is the end of August. Those wanting to attend the Gala should send reservation information to [mmarshall@spwp.org](mailto:mmarshall@spwp.org). Clyde wished a Happy Birthday to all the July ladies!

Melissa Marshall announced that the API Golf Tournament is coming up and fifteen (15) volunteers are needed to work the golf tournament.

The meeting was adjourned.

## August Speaker - Clay Williams

Clay Williams, 45, became Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of National Oilwell Varco, Inc. in March 2005 following the merger between National-Oilwell, Inc. and Varco International, Inc. Mr. Williams served as Chief Financial Officer of Varco International, Inc. for two years prior to the merger, after serving at various times as Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Corporate Development and Vice President of Pipeline Services for Varco and Tuboscope, which merged with Varco in May 2000. Before joining Tuboscope in 1996 Mr. Williams spent two years with SCF Partners, a private equity management firm which invests in oilfield service companies, and seven years as a petroleum engineer with Shell Oil Company, where he began his career.

Mr. Williams holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Geological Engineering with highest honors from Princeton University, and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Texas.

Mr. Williams is a member of Society of Petroleum Engineers and serves as a trustee of Faith United Methodist Church in Richmond, Texas. He resides in

Richmond, Texas with his wife; three children ages 10, 12 and 14; two dogs and two horses. He was born and raised in Katy, Texas.



## FHPW News & Dates

**FHPW Quarterly Meetings**  
- Oct. 27

### Important Dates

The FHPW Women of Excellence Gala will be held September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency (downtown). Make your reservations with Erica Coman: [ecoman@spwp.org](mailto:ecoman@spwp.org)

To sign up for the FHPW newsletter, send a blank email to: [fhpw-news-subscribe@groups.com](mailto:fhpw-news-subscribe@groups.com).

## Happy Birthday to SPWP Members!



Jeannie Thomas....8/9  
Pam Collins.....8/13  
Monica Dobre....8/17  
Ashley Gaudin.....8/18  
Terri Guerrero.....8/19  
Barbara Kender....8/25

## Mark Your Calendar



**August**  
SPWP Meeting  
Thursday, August 14

**September**  
SPWP Meeting  
Thursday, September 11

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## **SPWP Committees & Chairs**

### **Casino Night Committee**

Chair – Nancy Bell-Scales  
Co-Chair – Melissa Marshall  
Co-Chair – Janet McAfee

### **Scholarship Committee**

Chair - Barbara Kender  
Co-Chair - Margaret Hare



### **Golf Committee**

Chair - Patsy Wells  
Co-Chairs – Lellany Conaway  
and Terri Guerrero

### **By-Laws Committee**

Chair - Melissa Marshall  
Co-Chair – Nancy Bell-Scales

### **Education/Social Committee**

Chair – Evalyn Shea  
Co-Chair - Erica Coman

### **Historian Committee**

Chair – Vicki Mays

### **Hospitality Committee**

Chair - Joann Prazak

### **Web site & Newsletter**

Chair - Melissa Pastrano

### **FHPW Delegates**

Main - Mary Campana & Denise  
Kozar  
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Evalyn Shea

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