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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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February's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, February 9th, 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 **Denise Kraus** by noon on **Monday, February 9th** using the Evite email. If you do not receive an Evite, please contact Denise at 713.237.3510 or 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 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,

Happy Valentines Day! Everything seems to be off the ground as we get into 2009! Sandi Peppard has graciously agreed to Chair Casino Night and is looking for all the help she can get. Casino, which will again be themed 'Derricks and Dice', is one of two major events that fund our scholarship program. Please contact Sandi if you would like to help out with 2009 Derricks & Dice. Also in January, new Federation of Professional Women delegates, Ashley Bourgeois and Pricilla Gagliano attended the first quarterly meeting at the Hess Club on Jan 26th along with me. It was a great evening on how FHPW has helped members reach their goals as professionals.

I would like to thank Dr. Ray Whaley for his presentation "Online Pipeline Simulation." Dr. Whaley was informative and interactive as there were many questions at the end of his presentation. Personally, being very familiar with the drilling and production aspect of our industry, the pipeline presentation was not only interesting but educational as well. Please help me make welcome this month's speaker Richard Bloom, Crime Deterrent Specialist with the topic "Personal Safety." Regrettably, I am unable to attend the February breakfast, as I will be in San Diego with my family. Nancy Scales will be overseeing the February meeting.

Have "Fabulous February" filled with family, friends and lots of love!

All The Best,

Melissa Marshall, President
Society of Professional Women in Petroleum

Minutes of the January Meeting

Melissa Marshall called the meeting to order at the Westchase Marriot on January 8, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. Melissa introduced the only new Board member for this year, Terri Guerrero. Melissa then asked for each table's guests to introduce themselves.



Jerri Babin introduced Dr. Ray S. Whaley of Bethel Consulting who spoke about Pipeline Simulation.

Dr. Whaley gave examples of the use of pipeline simulation; to produce a pipeline at the lowest cost, to change a current pipeline, and to design a new pipeline. He stated that engineering generally uses the simulations. There are several types of simulation models:

1) Online Model – Shows real time line pack and pack rates for various sections of the pipeline. It also supplies information at points where the line

is not measured.

2) Predictive Model – Used to develop the operating plan and project future operation.

3) Look Ahead Model - Runs from the current state of the real time model. It is started at a predetermined time interval to run and verify the current operating plan based on up-to-date pipeline readings and current forecasts.

4) Optimization Model – Provides the lowest cost of operation or the maximum throughput for pipeline sections. Pipeline simulation gives you information on the line at any time. It can give you early warning signs of danger or inefficient operation. Simulation also can give projection of conditions on the future to maximize pipeline capacity. Leak detection and product tracking or scheduling can also be looked at through simulation.

The topic of the SPWP brochure was discussed, and the Board will address the production of a new brochure at this month's board meeting.

Melissa announced that Patsy Wells had been injured and was in the hospital. Kate Lumley gave everyone Patsy's e-mail and number for members to contact Patsy. Melissa would send out her address for cards later on.

Melissa asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Sandra

Mourton made the motion and Joan Kraus seconded.

Clyde wished 'a Happy Birthday' to the January birthdays. Clyde also announced that the mystery hand shaker was Mary North who announced the winner to be Jennifer Shoemaker.

Melissa asked for a person or persons to volunteer to be Chairperson or Co-chairpersons for this year's Casino Event. She asked everyone to think about it and get back to her if interested.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

February Speaker - Richard Bloom

Tips on how to avoid being a victim of violent crime on the streets, in the car and at home.



How to be street smart.

How to handle an attack. Tips the police cannot tell you!

A very empowering program presented on the wings of humor.

- Crime happens everywhere, everyday – this is training you need to protect yourself!! This program is packed with street

smart advice presented in a fun, entertaining format. The goal is to instruct – never frighten.

• Richard Bloom has been seen on City Under Siege & Good Morning Houston and the Author of Survival Guide for the Age of Crime and Keeping Kids Safe. Richard does a limited number of safety seminars each year so don't miss out on this action packed motivational program!

With the slow economy, crime is up, and so are the attacks on women. This is an opportunity to get some training, tips, and advice on staying safe. Come, learn and have fun!

New Member Applications

Name: Paige Whitton

Title: Outside Sales Representative

Company Name: Utex Industries

Sponsored By: Carrie Watson

Interested in the following

Committee(s): Golf Tournament, Scholarship

FHPW Update



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

Happy Birthday to SPWP Members!



Wendy Calvin....2/2

Susie Coon....2/7

Tina Dismukes....2/8

Angie Mosley....2/8

Michelle Pena....2/9

Alicia Torben....2/9

Donna Parmeson....2/17

Kelly Krysinski-Clark....2/18

Margaret Hare....2/21

Joyce Coker....2/24

Yolanda Barraza....2/28

Attention!

ASC Procurement has contracted with the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) to conduct four training seminars at ASC in 2009. ASC P&L will not be utilizing all of the available seats per class. Therefore, would like to extend this training opportunity at reasonable discount of \$550.00 per class.

Additional course information available on the ISM website: <http://www.ism.ws>

Please note ISM does not offer these courses in Houston.

Fundamentals of Purchasing
February 9-11, 2009 - Bill Agee

Advanced Purchasing Practices

March 25 – 26, 2009 - Bill Agee

Power of Negotiations

April 28 – April 30, 2009 - Erv Lewis

Legal Aspects of Supply Management

August 11-13, 2009 - Mark Grieco

Mark Your Calendar



March

SPWP Meeting
Thursday, March 12

April

SPWP Meeting
Thursday, April 9

Scholarship News

Dear Ms. Kender,

I again just want to thank you and the ladies of the SPWP Scholarship Committee for awarding me the Angela Mockler Scholarship in 2005. As I am entering my last semester as an undergraduate, I realize more and more how much the Angela Mockler Scholarship helped me succeed at Texas State University and in my life. I have a great admiration for the women in SPWP

and it is my hope that one day I can strive to be as successful as you ladies.

I am excited to say that I will be graduating in May from Texas State University with honors. Right now I have a 3.59 GPA, but I am hoping this semester to raise my GPA enough to receive Magna Cum Laude status. I have all A's right now, so let's hope I can get that 4.0 that I'm striving for.



I am currently the philanthropy chair for my sorority, Alpha Delta Pi, but sadly I will have to pass the torch on in December. I just organized Alpha Delta Pi's first annual Ronald Run 5k Race which benefitted our philanthropy, The Ronald McDonald House Charities. I am proud to say that our chapter raised over \$8000 in donations and sponsorships. My Grandpa, Clyde Perrere, was the honoree starter of the race! It was a lot of fun and \$8,660 is the most we have ever raised during a philanthropy event.

I am also the Vice President of Programs for the Order of

Omega Greek Honor Society. I plan the Greek speaker each semester, organize the annual canned food drive, and plan social events for our chapter.

I have applied for several public relations internships for the spring. I am supposed to hear back from most of the companies within the next couple of weeks. After I graduate, I would love to work in the public relations field whether that's with a PR firm or with an organization. Being the philanthropy chair has made me realize my passion for working with non-profit organizations and I would love to work with one of those organizations upon graduation. However, working with any company that has a public relations department would be an amazing opportunity.

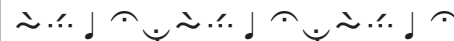
I spoke with Ms. Cooper and she has invited me to the SPWP breakfast for the holidays. I would love to attend when I get home. Words cannot explain how much SPWP and the Angela Mocker Scholarships means to me. I can only hope that I will make you proud in all I do.

Upon graduation when I turn my tassel from one side of my cap to the other, I want you to know that I will be thinking of the SPWP Scholarship Committee. I couldn't have accomplished anything without the support from the Society of Professional Women in Petroleum and for

that I am forever grateful.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the SPWP breakfast during the holidays.

Best,
Allison Bequette



Howdy Mrs. Kender !

I'm having a fantastic time at Texas A&M, and I am glad to report that I will be attending A&M spring semester. Not only will I be attending A&M next semester, but I also believe that this will be my home for the next four years! My GPA was around a 3.4 as of midterms but I believe it might have gone up since then, and I hope to push a couple of B's into A's before the semester is finished! With finals around the corner, I am working extra hard to make the grade, but I have also joined the Aggie community.

I became a member of the Society of Women in Engineering sector on campus, and a member of the "Aggie Swing Cats" dance club. I am enjoying all that Aggieland has to offer, and would like to thank you and the Society of Professional Women in Petroleum for helping to make this all possible for me.

Thanks and Gig'em!
Bridget Wells
Texas A&M Class of 2012
Mechanical Engineering



Dear Ms. Kender:

Thank you very much for sending the nice e-mail. I have filed a degree plan and hope to continue my studies at Baylor University. Baylor is a great university and is providing me with many opportunities for personal and professional growth. I am currently in the Golden Wave Marching Band, Band Leadership Council, the Courtside Players, and the Leadership Learning Center. I have been fortunate to keep up with a very active extracurricular activity schedule while maintaining averages of A's and B's in all of my classes. I am taking 16 semester hours of coursework.

Please know that I sincerely appreciate the scholarship provided by the Society of Professional Women in Petroleum. These scholarship funds are extremely helpful. Thanks again for your e-mail communication. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,
Amanda Fait



Dear Ms Kender,

I wanted to thank you again for the scholarship the Society of Professional Women in Petro-

leum has provided for me, and it has been a great honor to be one of the recipients. I do still plan to attend the University of Texas in the spring semester, and I have tried to become involved with the Business School as well as the entire campus.



I am currently majoring in Business Freshman Undeclared with the intent to declare a major in the Engineering Route to Business. Also, I am currently on the Pre-Med track. Some activities I have become involved with are the Freshman Business Association and the Longhorn Pre-Medical Student Association. Furthermore, I was accepted into the Leadership Certificate Program where business students participate in leadership activities and requirements throughout their four years at the university and graduate with a certificate from the program. I also am intending on forming a team to participate in the Intramural Swim meet. Although I am still adjusting to college and college life, I have been able to main-

tain good grades and it looks like I will probably have around a 3.5 after this semester.

Juggling all these activities and school work can be hard, especially with tests all falling on the same day, but I seem to manage. I hope everything is going well back in Houston, and I want to thank you again for the scholarship.

Sincerely,
Kelsey Anderson



Dear Ms. Kender,

It's so good to hear from y'all; I hope everything's been well since we last talked. As you know I am here at Texas Tech, and I am LOVING it. I do intend on returning for the spring semester. This semester has been a challenging one, but I am proud of what I've accomplished so far. I am currently taking Honors Chemistry, Honors Sociology, Calculus and Biology. I have made straight A's in all of my classes so far except for my borderline B/A average in my Biology course. Yet, I am working very hard right now to pull through with A's in all my classes by the end of this fall. The Biology class I'm in is supposedly one of the most rigorous courses Texas Tech currently has. The class started out with over 500 kids registered, four of which were freshman! Because it is a "weed out"

class, there are only 200 or so students left, and I am proud to be one of the three remaining freshmen.

Other than my scholastic activities, I have started to involve myself in the American Chemistry Society Student Affiliates and have learned so much through the activities they hold. I also have applied for a position in the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization here in Lubbock and will be active with a little sister during the spring. The Honors college continuously is offering multicultural and community activities and I try to make efforts to attend these seminars and such as often as possible. I will be applying for higher positions in the Honors college next semester and am eager to start more in depth involvement.

Once again, I hope all is well for you and all the ladies in the Society of Professional Women in Petroleum. Thank you so much for the opportunity you have given me, and I hope to hear from you again soon.

Hayley Donnella

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Dear Barbara,

I am doing great, thank you for asking! I do plan on attending UTSA next semester, I actually begin registering for classes next week! My current classes

are going well. Although I don't know what my GPA is, I have been receiving all A's and B's in my classes. Architecture is taking up a lot of my time, so I don't have time to work or be in many other outside activities, but that is fine with me. I am having such a great time in San Antonio, and I can thank you and the SPWP for helping to make that possible for me.

Lyndsay May

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Hello there! How have you been? I've been well. School is crazy! I'm always busy studying and doing homework ... I didn't think it would be this intense, but hey, its college. Yes, I do plan on attending UT in the spring semester as well. I am a member of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), Armenian Engineering Program (WEP) and a society representative in the American Society of Women Engineers (ASME). So keeping up with those meetings and school gets pretty tough, but I'll manage. I don't know my grade point average yet, we still have a couple of weeks until classes end and finals start ... that makes me nervous, ha ha. But anyway, I will keep you all informed. Once again thanks a bunch for the very generous award and keep in touch !

Araz Garakanian

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Dear Mrs. Kender,

I am doing wonderful, love college, and will definitely be attending A&M in the spring. I am in Mays Business School and staying very busy. I don't know my semester end grades but from what I have now my GPR should be a minimum 3.0. I hope it will be higher! I joined a sorority, Delta Gamma. We have already held our philanthropic event for Service for Sight. We raised over \$25,000 for the organization through a 3 on 3 boys basketball tournament.



Freshman Leaders in Christ is another organization that I am involved in. It is one of twelve Freshman Leadership Organizations on campus. This weekend our group is going to Galveston to help clean and build homes. I am excited to help out our community in this way!

You and the ladies at SPWP have helped me tremendously with the scholarship and with your faith in me to use it wisely. Thank you.

Amanda Luke



Hello Ms Kender !!!! I am doing WONDERFUL here at Texas A&M! As of right now my grade point average is 3.6, but no worries from now on. I am going to make all A's and B's and I am starting to take Honors courses. School keeps me pretty busy and the library has become my second home! I am greatly involved here; I am in Philadelphia Sisters which is a Christian sorority. We have weekly Bible studies, meetings, accountability groups, and service projects. I am also in the Student communication Association. I am in a small group at my church and I just started teaching Sunday school to pre-schoolers on Sunday mornings! I am also planning to volunteer at a local women's shelter called Phoebes Home as well as many other places with Philadelphia Sisters. I have been exploring my options for what I would like to do this summer, and found a study abroad program in Tokyo directed for music minors! I have been so blessed with all the opportunities here, and next semester plan on working at the university. Thank you so much for all your help. Thanks again for everything, it so great to hear from you.

Skyler Yancey

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