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January's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, January 10th, 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, December 10th 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 September 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

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season filled with family and friends. Each new "New Year" provides us with a new beginning. New resolutions, new goals, and new plans for the upcoming year are made. Consider making a committee part of your new 2008 plans.

SPWP provides many different philanthropy opportunities within the organization, as well as social and educational endeavors for all who wish to participate. A recent endeavor is the program "Bridge over Troubled Waters." It's a local women's shelter that provides assistance for victims of domestic abuse. This is the second year the shelter has received our support. I would like to thank everyone who participated in our adoption of this charity. I have no doubt our joined efforts have made a difference in the lives of these women.

Please join me in thanking our out-going board members, Mary Campana and Patsy Wells for their exemplary service on the SPWP board the last few years. I would also like to welcome Jerri Babin and Erica Coman to the 2008 Board of Directors. We are looking forward to a busy and successful year for The Society of Professional Woman in Petroleum.

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Barbara Kender, will be getting underway very soon. Already in full swing are preparations for Casino Night. Nancy Bell-Scales chairs the Casino Committee and we look forward to an exciting event. The "2008 year" will be topped off by our annual golf tournament chaired by past board member Patsy Wells.

I would like to personally welcome new members and encourage new and seasoned members to get involved. Involvement and participation are key to the success of our organization. With the support of members at events, on committees and charity drives, we are successful in our commitment to provide women with opportunities that enrich their lives.

Our speaker for January is Richard Spears. As always, starting our year with Mr. Spears will prove informative and exciting. Please join me in making Mr. Spears welcome as one of our most devoted speakers.

Kindest Regards,

President 2008

Minutes of the December Meeting

Mary Campana called the December SPWP business meeting to order at the Marriott Westchase Hotel on December 13, 2007. Mary welcomed all in attendance. Mary announced that FHPW has scheduled a tour of Argentina from July 14-21, 2008. Details about the trip are available on the FHPW Web site.

Patsy Wells moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting as written and Lellany Conaway seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a majority vote.



Mary announced that membership dues statements would be sent via email within the next two weeks.

Nancy Bell-Scales welcomed Angie Mosley as a new member and presented her with a membership information packet.

The membership played holiday games, including Santa Bingo, the Holiday Hat game. The membership also participated in an ornament exchange. Thanks to Vicki Mays for all her hard work in researching the games for this year's holiday meeting.

Nancy gave an update on the 2008 Casino Event. She announced that it will be held on April 18, 2008 at Hotel Derek.

Alicia Torben provided an update on Vicki Mays and everyone wished Vicki a speedy recovery.

Clyde wished all the December ladies a happy birthday!

January Speaker: Richard B. Spears

Richard Spears is a Managing Director of Spears & Associates, a 40 year old firm specializing in measuring and forecasting oilfield equipment and service markets around the world. Current clients include 240 major oil companies, service companies and investment firms worldwide.



Spears' research and data is used to support most mergers and acquisitions that occur in the oilfield's service and equipment sector. The firm has been providing the industry's only commercial drilling forecast since 1982.

In addition to the firm's conventional work, Richard led World Bank missions to Russia's West Siberia (1992) and to Romania (1995) seeking lending and partnering opportunities in the upstream oil & gas sector. Richard has a BS in engineering from Oklahoma State University and did graduate studies in Industrial Engineering. He is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. With the firm 22 years, Richard previously worked as a field engineer for Halliburton. Richard is a popular speaker in the industry and gives 30-40 talks each year to SPE, API and financial conferences on market trends and technology forecasts.

Casino Night Update

Save the date! Casino Night will be held April 18, 2008 at Hotel Derek. This year's theme will be "Derricks & Dice."

The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15th (6 pm) at Escalante's.



SPWP New Member Applications

All requests for SPWP New Member applications should be forwarded to Nancy Bell-Scales at: nbell@spwp.org.



FHPW News & Dates

Delegates Meeting:

To kick off this new year, FHPW will be holding a "Delegates Meeting" to acquaint new delegates with their responsibilities, and to give all delegates, Presidents and members in attendance a sneak preview of this Federation year, not to mention helpful information to make Federation membership more meaningful. We'll also have time for networking, and we'll be encouraging organizations to get to know each other—at this event and throughout this year.

- When: January 15th, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- Where: Hess Club
- RSVP via FHPW Web site: www.fhpw.org

FHPW Quarterly Meeting

Build the Buzz - Net Weaving at its Best Build the buzz by joining FHPW in hearing Barbara Hayley as she shares her secrets in building your business with net weaving...a new ap-

proach to networking based upon the Golden Rule.

Barbara Hayley, owner of Hayley Ranch Consulting, Inc., has created a company that was founded on a commitment to "Greatness in the Workplace." For seven years she was the Senior Performance Officer for a \$3.5 billion dollar Houston based financial institution and has had 15 years of record earnings.

- When: January 28
- Time: 5:15 pm Social/Networking/Vendors/FHPW Table; 6:15 pm Dinner/Business Meeting/Opportunity to Network; 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Program
- Where: Hess Club
- RSVP via FHPW Web site: www.fhpw.org

FHPW Annual Trip

Join the Federation of Houston Professional Women on a tour to AWESOME ARGENTINA. July 14 - 21, 2008 (\$1460 plus airfare). Visit the FHPW Web site www.fhpw.org/travel.html for details.

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.

Happy Birthday to SPWP Members!



Ellen Howell.....Jan. 3
Lauren Frase..... Jan. 8
Melissa Pastrano..... Jan. 11
Jennifer Simonson..... Jan. 18
Joann Prazak..... Jan. 26



Mark Your Calendar

January:

SPWP Meeting
Thursday, January 10

February:

SPWP Meeting
Thursday, February 14

March:

SPWP Meeting
Thursday, March 8



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SPWP Casino Night Committee
Chair – Nancy Bell-Scales
Co-Chair – Janet McAfee

SPWP Scholarship Committee
Chair - Barbara Kender
Co-Chair - Margaret Hare

SPWP Golf Committee
Chair - Patsy Wells
Co-Chairs – Lellany Conaway

SPWP By-Laws Committee
Chair - Melissa Marshall
Co-Chair – Nancy Bell-Scales



SPWP Education/Social Committee
Chair – Evalyn Shea
Co-Chair - Erica Coman

SPWP Historian Committee
Chair – Vicki Mays

SPWP Hospitality Committee
Chair - Alicia Torben

SPWP Web site/Newsletter
Chair - Melissa Pastrano

FHPW Delegates
Main - Mary Campana & Denise Kozar
Alternates – Barbara Davis & Evalyn Shea

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