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# SPWP

## News

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### *January Meeting*

This month's meeting will be held January 14, 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 January 11th 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](#).

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

Happy New Year!!!

I hope that you and your families enjoyed the Christmas and New Year's holidays and have packed it all away for another year. 2009 was as different a year as any could be compared to the highs of 2007 and 2008 and I for one am ready for 2010 to begin anew.

Our January meeting kicks off 2010 with a speaker representing "Dress for Success", a non-profit that is dedicated to helping women get back on their feet with proper interview clothes and coaching to enable them to be all that they can be to support themselves and their families. They have requested us to bring black purses suitable for interviews. I know I have a few to bring – so please look in your closet and bring at least one to help fill up the clothing closet. Priscilla has lined up a plethora of interesting speakers already for the coming year so plan to invite your customers, colleagues and friends to our breakfast meetings prepared for a diverse range of interesting topics that will encourage and challenge each of us this year.

In February –We have scheduled a fun night at "Girlfriends-N-Giggles! Tickets are just \$60. This party gives women the chance to hang out with their best girlfriends while indulging themselves with massages, new hair styles, make-up tips and much more. Plan to shop to your heart's content for home decor, clothes and shoes! All proceeds go toward providing free and confidential emergency shelter, counseling, crisis intervention, and other supportive services provided by the Women's Center. Please see or email Melissa Marshall for the details and to sign up.

April and taxes are just around the corner but the good news is that so is our Casino Night. We have booked The Derek for April 16th so mark your calendars and get ready to volunteer and solicit sponsors. Kelsey and Mimi have begun some of the initial planning and reservations but are looking for volunteers to make this event a "must attend" occasion. The kick off meeting will be on January 19th with the time and place to be advised at the January meeting.

Your 2010 Board has been busying making plans to challenge and develop us all to be a stronger organization thru mentoring, networking, development and just plain fun. Please let us know of any ideas that you may have to grow SPWP to continue to exceed our expectations. You can send them directly to me (Jerri.Babin@nov.com) or any board member.

I look forward to serving as YOUR president and look for your support, encouragement and helping hands as we blast into 2010.

See you January 14th!

Jerri

Jerri Babin, President

Society of Professional Women in Petroleum

## October Meeting Minutes

Melissa Marshall called the meeting to order at the West Chase Marriott on November 12, 2009 at 7:40 a.m.

Melissa Marshall asked for anyone who had not yet received a ballot for the general election of the 2010 Board of Directors. Jerri Babin and Evalyn Shea ensured ballot distribution and Melissa Marshall announced the slate as follows; President – Jerri Babin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Denise Kraus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Priscilla Gagliano, Treasurer – Lauren Grabski, Secretary – Ashley Bourgeois, Member at Large – Terri Guerrero. Evalyn Shea then took up remaining ballots for count.

Melissa Marshall made a motion to approve the October minutes as written. Lauren Grabski made a motion to approve and Peggy Vincik seconded. The minutes were approved as written with none opposed.

Melissa Marshall presented the Mission Statement for SPWP in 2010: "SPWP as an organization will strive to encourage and motivate individuals to exceed their professional expectations through leadership initiatives, team work and empowerment. Our members will be challenged to participate and expand SPWP through recruitment, retention and team work"



Melissa Marshall introduced Jerri Babin current scholarship committee chairman; Jerri Babin informed the membership that in 2009 SPWP gave 16 scholarships totaling \$60,000. The Mockler scholarship was split between two young women over four years at \$8,000 each dispersed at two thousand per year. The first Mays Memorial Scholarship, a current two-year disbursement period at four thousand per year for a total of

\$8,000 was given to a young woman who demonstrated exemplary community involvement and service, the recipient had logged over 400 service hours. The remaining 13 recipients were awarded one-year scholarship totaling \$36,000. Jerri Babin announced that the scholarship applications have already been sent out and that everything was in motion for the 2010 committee to take over in January.

Melissa Marshall introduced Kelsey Hulett the 2010 Casino Event Chairman. Kelsey announced that things were already in motion and introduced Mimi Rogers as the co-chair for the event. The event will be held at the Derek Hotel again this year and planning is currently underway. She encouraged all members to sign up and participate on the committee. The date is set for April 16, 2010 and the deposit had been sent to the Derek. Kelsey mentioned many options under consideration.

In absence of Golf Committee Chairs Melissa Marshall announced that the golf tournament had sold out and that it had made an approximate profit of \$12,200. Joan Kraus added from the floor that the pro at Windrose had said we were very fortunate to still command high participation in our tournament as most tournaments held there this year had not which they attributed to the down turn in the economy.

Melissa Marshall introduces Erica Coman 2009 treasurer to give the treasurers report. A motion was made by Peggy Vincik to approve the report as written; the motion was seconded by Joan Kraus and was approved as written with no one opposed.

Melissa Marshall introduced Terri Guerrero 2009 Member at Large who announced that our meetings would continue to be held at the Westchase Marriott and that the current breakfast prices would be held or reduced.

Melissa Marshall announced that signup sheets for current committees and social events were out and encouraged all members to participate in 2010.

Melissa Marshall announced that the Social Committee planned on an active year in 2010 after taking a break in 2009. The new committee chairman would be herself and she was very excited. She announced the first event would be the event "Girlfriends-N-Giggles" benefiting the

Fort Bend Women's Shelter. Ticket cost was approximately fifty dollars, but would be announced at the January meeting. Under the umbrella of the Social Committee a new initiative to partner newer members with older members was introduced "PAL" (Participate, Acclimate, Leave a Legacy). Melissa said we continue to get feedback from newer members not finding their "niche" within our organization, and retention of members continues to be the nemesis of the organization. It is the hope that through the partnering of members these two issues can be somewhat resolved. Melissa then asked for anyone with ideas to see her after the meeting.

Melissa Marshall announced that the December meeting is our annual Christmas celebration. The membership voted unanimously to once again adopt the "Bridge over Troubled Waters", Denise Kraus would supply their wish list at a later date. The membership also voted to do the ornament exchange with a maximum value of \$20.

Evalyn Shea came forward and announced that the Slate for the 2010 Board of Directors had been voted in unanimously.

Melissa Marshall adjourned the meeting at 8:55.

## January Speaker - Amanda Metzker Dress for Success Houston

Amanda Graduated in May of 2007 from the University of Houston with a B.S. in Psychology and Advertising. As the Manager of Community Resources at DFS Houston, she oversees Volunteers, Women of Wardrobe, Send One Suit Week, Community events, and DFS Houston Newsletter- News to Suit You. Since starting at DFS Houston in June of 2007 Amanda has expanded the number of volunteers from 157 to 250 Houstonians. Women of Wardrobe, a volunteer branch of young women that assists DFS Houston through fundraising and volunteerism, has expanded from 180 members to 250 members. Send One Suit Week, an international campaign that collects 70% of DFS Houston's annual inventory, was an enormous success! With 98 companies participating including 228 drop off sites in the Houston Community, Send One Suit Week racked up over 20,000 items for DFS Houston! Amanda moved to Houston 8 years ago from her home town San Francisco, CA. She enjoys

promoting and supporting the mission of DFS Houston through community involvement and is a member of young friends of Can Care, a non-profit for cancer victim's families.



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## New Member Applications

**Name:** Lourdes Rodriguez  
**Title:** Procurement Specialist  
**Company:** National Oilwell Varco  
**Sponsor:** Jerri Babin  
**Committee Interest:** Golf Tournament/Scholarship

## Happy Birthday SPWP Members!

Kate Lumley....1/9  
Melissa Pastrano....1/11  
Lynn Oakes....1/14



## Mark Your Calendar

**February**  
SPWP Meeting 2/11

**March**  
SPWP Meeting 3/11



## Board of Directors

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## Committees & Chairs

### **Casino Night Committee**

Chair – Kelsey Hulett  
Co-chair – Mimi Griffin

### **Scholarship Committee**

Chair - TBA  
Co-chair - TBA

### **Golf Committee**

Chair - TBA  
Co-Chairs - TBA

### **By-Laws Committee**

Chair - TBA  
Co-Chair – TBA

### **Education/Social Committee**

Chair – TBA  
Co-Chair – TBA

### **Hospitality Committee**

Chair – Melissa Marshall

### **Web site**

Chair - Melissa Pastrano

### **FHPW Delegates**

Delegates - TBA  
Alternate - TBA

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