

SPWP NEWS



June 2007

President's Letter:

Dear SPWP Members and Guests,

It has certainly been another busy month with OTC and the summer approaching. A big thank you to Geneva Rader and Robyn Cochran with Cochran-Rader & Associates for the informative presentation at our May meeting on disasters and how to organize and prepare ourselves for the unexpected. If any of you missed it, there is material on our web site that will help you, just in case. There is a listing of helpful phone numbers and websites along with an organizational checklist to help all of us get prepared.

Sue Kazer is back with us again in June. Many of you have heard Sue, who has been a wonderful friend to SPWP. She was with us last year and many of you requested a return appearance. Sue is always energizing so bring a friend and come for some fun and learning! Her topic this month is "Vision for Your Life"!

SPWP was founded in 1980 to promote networking for women in the petroleum industry. June is also special to SPWP since it is our birthday month, so Happy Birthday to SPWP – 26 years of networking, breakfasts, events and Fun! SPWP continues to grow and membership is expanding. I would encourage all of you to introduce yourself to another member and even volunteer for our new "Introducing" feature in the newsletter. With so many things going on, please be sure and read the rest of the newsletter for information and happenings!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the June meeting on the 14th.

To Clyde and all the dad's in our lives - Have a wonderful Father's Day!!!

Sincerely,

Mary

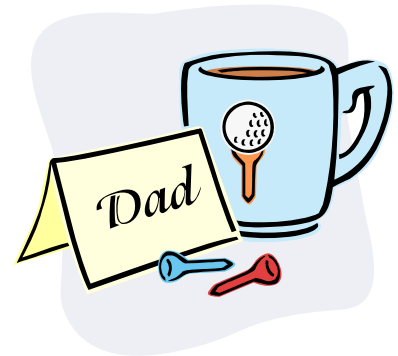
June's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, June 14th, 2007**, 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, June 11th 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 June 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.

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Minutes of the May Meeting

The May monthly meeting was called to order by Mary Campana at the Westchase Marriott on May 10th at 8:00 a.m. The SPWP Board was introduced and then Patsy Wells took the podium to introduce the guest speakers. Patsy introduced and welcomed Geneva Rader and Robyn Cochran with Cochran-Rader & Associates. These ladies addressed the topic; "Disaster Strikes" which was a presentation to prepare families for hurricanes or other financial disasters.

Hurricanes are a threat to anyone in the Gulf Coast area but there are other potential disasters such as chemical spills, terrorist attacks, fire, flood or a situation that might cause some type of disability. Preparation is the key to make any difficult situation easier and reduce the hassle factor. Organizing one's records and having a plan can help in any type of unexpected situation.

Some potential problems in a disaster are that cash machines or card readers may not work or may be unable to read credit cards which could result in not being able to buy gas or purchase items. Your ability to get cash is limited and merchants may not be able to accept cash due to insurance reasons or may be limited to their funds if financial institutions are closed for extended time. Emergency needs may cause your card limits to reach the maximum limits and then be worthless. Solutions to some of these situations are to activated pin numbers and know how to use them. Do not wait till a disaster happens because then long delays could occur. Arrange for a personal line of credit, if possible. For all your accounts, ensure that you have funds transfer service (FTS) established.

Other things to think about are having more than one credit card and to plan for lodging that is away from the area you live. Take

the time to know your financial institution's contingency plans. In a disaster, your financial institution may be closed or may not be available for business. Important papers in a safe deposit box may not be available or what if they are in a flooded area? The post office may not be able to deliver mail for a great length of time.



Having direct deposit for your pay check, retirement check and/or social security check would be a great benefit not to mention that it is more secure and convenient. Take the time to set up web bill pay. Online services for banking and check imaging can help in any disaster.

If all your records are lost or destroyed, this adds so many additional problems. Ensure that a responsible party knows how to find information about you. Make it easy for someone to step in and take over your affairs, if necessary. Take pictures of your home, furnishings, etc. Keep one copy and send another copy to a relative or friend far away. Keep and organize receipts of your important possessions. Make paper copies or digitize the documents and send them with your photos to an out-of-the-area relative or friend. Purchase a fire proof/water proof, lockable container in which to keep important records that you can "grab and go" if necessary. Make sure your financial advisor knows your correct cell number and your email address. Make sure that the person responsible for settling your affairs knows your financial advisor. Make sure that someone knows your travel plans, including route and destination. If traveling in more than one vehicle, take walkie talkies for convenient communication.

Geneva and Robyn wrapped up the presentation and took questions from the audience. A list of helpful numbers and websites will be posted on the SPWP website for everyone to have. Also, a copy of the entire presentation and an organizational checklist will be provided on the SPWP website to help everyone get organized in case of a disaster. Patsy thanked both ladies and presented a gift from SPWP to them.

Mary asked for a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Patsy Wells made a motion and Barbara Kender seconded; the meeting minutes were approved.

Mary presented new member packages to Cindy Wright, Tammie Westlund and Janet McAfee and welcomed them to the SPWP family.

Melissa Marshall gave a review of Casino Night. Over \$18,000.00 was contributed to the SPWP Scholarship fund from this event. Nancy Bell has volunteered to chair the 2008 Casino Night and Melissa asked for volunteers for anyone wishing to co-chair. Janet McAfee and Tammie Westlund volunteered to co-chair the event with Nancy.

Lilia Glekel asked for volunteers to contact her for the new feature, "Introducing..." that includes the short bio of one seasoned SPWP member and one new member. If you would like to have your bio included in this new feature, please contact Lilia.

Evalyn Shea reviewed the FHPW news form the April 23rd meeting and the events to come this year. This year, SPWP's Woman of Excellence is Melissa Marshall and Evalyn presented a bouquet of roses to Melissa. Congratulations Melissa!

Erica Coman announced that over 30 people have signed up for the Broadway musical "Sweet Charity" on Thursday, June 28th. Everyone

needs to get their monies to her this week so that all tickets can be purchased.

Information regarding the Women's Global Leadership Conference will be posted in the newsletter and on the Web site.

Clyde wished a Happy Birthday to all the May ladies!

Bob Warren with Pride International, gave SPWP a brief history of TOCIP (Texas Oilman's Charity Invitation Fishing Tournament) and announced that this year's event will be held on June 8th and 9th. Raffle tickets are available for \$25 each or 5 for \$100. SPWP has helped with this tournament in the years past.

Next meeting will be on June 14th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.



2007 Golf Tournament

The SPWP 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for November 5th. The kickoff meeting for the Tournament Committee was held Monday, June 4th, 5:30 PM @ Escalante's Mexican Grille, Town & Country Shopping Center (Kimberley Lane and Beltway 8).

If you have not yet signed up to serve on the golf committee but are interested in serving, please contact Cathy Williams, Lellany Conaway or Susie Coon.

We will soon be looking to our members for staffing assignments at the tournament. Please contact Lilia Glekel if you would like to volunteer to work at the tournament.



New Member Applications

SPWP has received membership applications from the following people:

Name: Barbara H. Davis
Title: Sr. Vice President
Company Name: Wells Fargo Insurance Services of Texas, Inc.

Sponsored By: Noble Energy
Interested in the following Committees: Casino Night, Scholarships

Name: Jo Ann Prazak
Title: Buyer
Company Name: Swift Energy Operating, LLC
Sponsored By: Clyde Perrere
Interested in the following Committees: Golf Tournament

Name: Kelsey Fouts
Title: Traffic/Project Coordinator
Company Name: National Oilwell Varco
Sponsored By: Deanna Hopkins
Interested in the following Committees: Scholarships

Name: Lisa Stover Mellen
Title: Outside Sales
Company Name: Wilson Supply
Sponsored By: Mary Ann Vandermark
Interested in the following Committees: Golf Tournament

Name: Lynn Colwell
Title: Director of Quality
Company Name: Wilson Supply
Sponsored By: Denise Kraus
Interested in the following Committees: Scholarships



Kudos

SPWP would like to recognize our own 2007 Second Vice President, Patsy Wells, for the honor of having her company, Wells Manufacturing, nominated for Supplier of the Year by the WBEA Expo last month. Nominations are based on performance during the 2006 year.



FHPW 2007 Dates

The FHPW is having an after-hours mixer!!! This is for our Organization President's, Delegate's and Member's. The mixer will be held on June 19th @ Arcodoro's from 5:30 - 7:30pm. There will be complimentary appetizers and a cash bar for all drinks. Space is limited so please send your rsvp to recruiterstar@yahoo.com to ensure spacing and appetizers!!

Upcoming FHPW meetings will be held on July 24 and October 23, 2007. The FHPW Gala has been scheduled for September 29. Stay tuned for the location. The submission deadline for the FHPW scholarship is May 4.

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.



Introducing...

In this feature, SPWP will focus on introducing two members of our organization. The introductions will serve as a venue for opening discussions between members, and allowing us to get to know each other a little better. We may find we have more in common than just our industry!



Barbara Kender

Any nicknames?

None

Member of SPWP since:
How did you come into SPWP?

I have been a member of SPWP since January 1991. I was introduced to the group by Kim Markland.

What is your current career path and how did you get here?
Future career goals?

I have worked at VetcoGray, a GE Oil and Gas Company for thirty years. I started as Executive Secretary for Regan Offshore in California and two years later became the first woman in their Inside Sales Department. Regan Offshore eventually became Hughes Offshore and was merged into VetcoGray. In 1985, I was the only woman offered a transfer to Houston when the California operation was closed. I have

Any special experiences or memorable moments in your career?

worked solely in the inside sales group for capital drilling equipment for the offshore drilling rigs. I am currently Business Development Manager and have a staff of seven people.

In 1987 I traveled on company business to Singapore and visited our facility there. It was a trip of a lifetime. I recently celebrated my thirty year anniversary; it was gratifying to receive the acknowledgement and accolades of my peers.

Any areas of expertise?
Special knowledge?

Through my many years, I have acquired a knowledge of rig name changes and am often called on to remember old rig names, and what old equipment we might have on that rig.

Personal life, hobbies, family, favorite books?
Favorite anecdote?

I have a 12 year old grandson who is the light of my life. I collect Depression Glass, and love to read mystery novels by such writers as Sue Grafton and Linda Barnes – I'd love to write my own novel someday. I have a favorite SPWP experience: SPWP used to be heavily involved in the Mattco (Harrisburg) Cook-off right before OTC. In 1991, our theme was "A Circus Comes to Town". I volunteered, against my better judgment, to be a gypsy fortune teller at the circus and had great fun telling people good fortunes. I am very proud of my involvement with SPWP – the accomplishments of our Scholarship Program, our involvement with AADE and API, and our interaction with the Offshore Energy Center. I served as President of SPWP in 1996 and 1997 and was selected as a "Woman of Excellence" in 1997.





Lauren Grabski

Any nicknames? *My high school and college track buddies used to called me Grabbers. (And it was fairly easy for kids in elementary school to create interesting nicknames based on my last name. I'll spare you those.)*
Member of SPWP since: *November 2006; I first came to a meeting in April 2006 when Jerri Babin invited me.*
How did you come into SPWP?

What is your current career path and how did you get here? *I've only been out of college for about two years and hadn't originally thought I would consider the oilfield. But I started with NOV in the Next Generation program in 2006, where I rotated through different areas of the company. In 2007, I started my current, position with our Rig Solutions engineering group, which designs the equipment that goes on a rig. I am currently a project engineer and I focus on the various projects that come along, rather than one particular product line. I am planning to pursue my MBA, beginning in 2008; after that, I would like to get some experience in our company in groups outside of engineering.*
Future career goals?

Any special experiences or memorable moments in your career? *I was asked to lead a side project that was developed by some of the officers of our company, where we looked into the future of the oil and gas industry and how the changes will affect NOV as a company.*
Any areas of expertise? *I'm not sure if this really counts, but I have a really good sense of direction. I have friends that call me when they are lost in other cities and I can generally figure out how to get them where they need to go.*
Special knowledge?

Personal life, hobbies, family, favorite books? *I really like outdoors activities like running, biking, swimming, and camping. I also really love going to baseball games. My immediate family lives outside of Chicago, where I grew up, but I get to see them several times a year. Although it may sound silly, I absolutely love*
Favorite anecdote?

the Harry Potter series and am very much looking forward to the release of the final book in July! I've been thinking for a while now about what to include for my anecdote, so I think I'll share a story about what a small world we live in. I love to travel and, a couple years ago, I took a trip to London, Florence, Rome, and Paris. During that trip, I ran into four people I know, halfway around the world! In Florence, we ran into one of my old track teammates on the street, one of my friend's fraternity brothers at a museum, and another girl from college at a restaurant. Then in Paris, we ran into another old teammate on the Eiffel Tower! After that, I decided that wonders never cease.

Want to recommend someone to be featured in "Introducing...?" Want to volunteer for an upcoming newsletter? If so, contact Lilia Glekel for the details!

Looking Ahead

This year we will start having the SPWP Annual Business Meeting in the month of November. With half the year gone, it may be early, but please think about becoming involved with SPWP and running for a Board position in 2008! This is a great way to become involved and find out more about SPWP. Please contact any current Board member if you have any questions on the different positions.

Happy Birthday to SPWP Members!

Rhonda Wacasey	June 7
June Rogers	June 11
Linda Lanier	June 13
Gail Williamson	June 17
Jerri Babin	June 22
Lisa Mellen	June 22



June Speakers & Topic



Sue Kazor with Dale Carnegie will be speaking on the topic of, "The Power of Visions." In 2006, Sue was selected to become a Master Trainer for Dale Carnegie and Associates. In her new role she travels nationally and internationally working

with corporate clients, new franchises and certifies new trainers.

In 1991, Sue Kazor joined Leadership Excellence, Inc., the Dale Carnegie franchise, in Houston, Texas as their Office Manager. Shy and reserved, she was unaware of the adventure she was about to begin.

After two years of procrastination, she was forced to take the Dale Carnegie Course and the metamorphosis began. By session six she could stand in front of the group without shaking! After graduation from the course, she asked to become a Dale Carnegie Instructor and her team mates bet that she would never pass the stringent accreditation process. She passed and in her first class, exceed the expectations of participates with scores higher than many seasoned instructors and she continues to do so. Sue has been in the top ten percent of instructors world wide and was recently passed her Master Trainer Certification.

She is currently certified as an instructor in the Dale Carnegie Course, the Sales Advantage and High Impact Presentations. Organizations such as British Airways, Aero México, HMT, Inc., Muilenberg Prosthetics and Texas Children's Hospital have used her services in classes and workshops.

Recognized by her peers as being someone they can learn from, Sue addressed the North American Meeting of Dale Carnegie Franchises Owners and Sales Associates and received a standing ovation! She has presented workshops at the Dale Carnegie International Convention on two occasions.

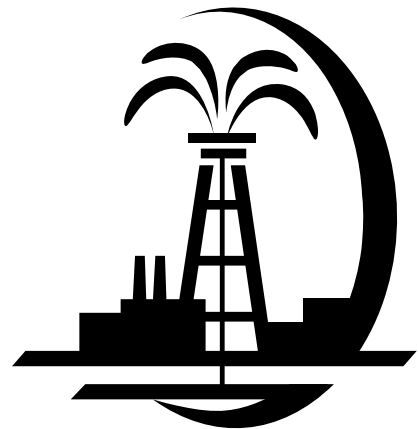
In addition to her facilitation, presentation and training abilities, Sue works with organizations throughout the Houston area helping them impact their bottom line by improving their performance of their people. In her six years as a Business Manager and Training Consultant, she has been in the top 50 of over 1,000 plus sales people worldwide, receiving many awards for her selling abilities.

Sue is a graduate of Rutgers University in New Jersey and has done graduate work at the University of Houston.



Other Announcements

The 2007 3rd Annual Women's Global Leadership Conference will be held on November 27 & 28 at the Westin Galleria. As in the past, the SPWP will again be sponsoring the conference. The conference will kick-off with a networking reception on the evening of the 27th. SPWP members attending the conference are eligible for a \$100 registration discount. There has been a Web site setup for early information on the conference:
www.gulfpub.com/WGLC.





Mark Your Calendar

June:

SPWP Meeting

Thursday, June 14
Sue Kazor from Dale Carnegie will be our featured speaker.

Father's Day

Sunday, June 17

SPWP Social Event

Sweet Charity Broadway show on Thursday, June 28, at 7:30 at the Hobby Center. Contact Erica Coman for details and discount tickets.

July:

Independence Day

Wednesday, July 4

SPWP Meeting

Thursday, July 12
Janet Clark of Marathon Oil will be our featured speaker.

August:

SPWP Meeting

Thursday, August 9
Joint meeting with AADE

November:

The 2007 Women's Global Leadership Conference is scheduled for November 27-28 at the Westin Galleria.



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