



SPWP

News

Society of Professional Women in Petroleum

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

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June's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, June 11th, 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 **Terri Guerrero** by noon on **Monday, June 8th** using the Evite email. If you do not receive an Evite, please contact Terri at tguerrero@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

SPWP Members and Guests,

The first half of the year has kept our members busy with Derricks & Dice, scholarship committee, and the Offshore Technology Conference. Fortunately, summer has arrived giving us time to take a breath and enjoy the downtime of the coming months before our golf tournament gets underway.

The scholarship committee has been busy, and I am told that we will grant \$60,000 to 16 amazing applicants. Please take time to contact your acquaintances who continually back our fundraisers throughout the year and let them know that their support makes this scholarship program possible.

On another note, I am just returning from Stockholm, Sweden as I joined the Federation of Houston Professional Women's yearly excursion. We spent six days in spectacular Sweden (the land of 96,000 lakes) and what a beautiful country. We took in the city and visited the sites such as the Nobel Museum where Richard Smalley (from the Smalley Institute) received his Nobel Prize for his contribution to medicine in nano-technology. We also saw the beautiful City Hall, which is the home of the Swedish national government. We visited several palaces where we observed the change of the royal guard and much more. Overall, our group had a great time and I highly recommend FHPW's yearly trip. If you ever get the opportunity to go on one of the trips planned by Kay King with FHPW, you should!

Have a great summer and try to get some much needed rest! I hope everyone has a safe summer whether you are traveling with your family or friends.

Melissa

Melissa Marshall, President
Society of Professional Women in Petroleum



May Meeting Minutes

Jerri Babin called the meeting to order at the Westchase Marriott on May 14, 2009 at 7:50 a.m. She then introduced the Board members in attendance.

Jerri Babin asked for a motion to approve the April minutes as amended by Mary Campana. Patsy Wells made a motion to approve and Kelsey Hulett seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.



Denise Kraus introduced our newest member, Debra Broussard with Cameron International.

Janet Tarkington introduced our speaker, Willie Ritchie with Weatherford. Willie has 31 years experience in the oil and gas industry. Willie explained six types of rigs and showed examples of each. He then showed us an animated demonstration of how a land rig is built. Willie then broke down and explained a rig's components from top to bottom. He then explained what the mud system was used for and how it worked. Willie pointed out the safety equipment used while on rigs and gave examples of how to avoid and kill a blowout. Willie then answered several questions from the ladies.

Sandy Peppard announced the casino night results to be \$35,000. The fun-filled event included 223 attendees.

Clyde Perrere wished the May birthday ladies 'a very Happy Birthday'.

Jerri asked that each visitor in attendance stand and introduce themselves.

Erica Coman stood and gave the history moment - How many ladies applied for the first scholarship and how much was it worth? Answer: 45 ladies applied and it was worth \$500.00.

Jerri Babin mentioned that the scholarship interviews would be held on Saturday, May 16th and the recipients who are able to attend will be at the July breakfast meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

June Speaker - Sandra Mourton

Sandra Mourton has been involved in the oil and gas industry since 1975. Born and educated in England, she began her oilfield career in the London office of a U.S. based manufacturer of drilling and production equipment. Her business travel took her to Scotland, Norway, Holland, France, Singapore and the USA.

In 1980, she followed her dream and moved to Houston. She remained in Executive Sales, marketing major offshore drilling and production equipment to drilling contractors and oil and gas companies until mid 2000.



In 2000, Sandra joined the Offshore Energy Center as their Executive Director. The Offshore Energy Center sponsors the Ocean Star in Galveston, a Pioneers Hall of Fame and a successful Education Outreach Program.

Sandra has been involved with the Offshore Energy Center (OEC) for a number of years. Immediately prior to her appointment as Executive Director, she was the Chairman of the OEC SOCIETY, serving on the OEC Board since

1997. She also chaired fundraising events for AADE-Houston Chapter, and Society of Professional Women in Petroleum (SPWP) to raise funds for their pledged commitments to the OEC.

Throughout her career, she has served on various organization boards and committees. She was President of Society of Professional Women in Petroleum in 1985 - 1986, President of the Federation of Houston Professional Women (FHPW) in 1993. She is a founding member of the Federation of Houston Professional Women Educational Foundation, and served as President in 1994. She was recognized as a Woman of Excellence by FHPW in 1989.

FHPW Update

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

Attention!

The Texas Conference for Women will be held at the George R. Brown Center on Nov. 12th.

Discount tickets are available for \$90 until June 20th and \$100 after.

The Web site offers information about the speakers and sponsors:

<http://www.txconferenceforwomen.org/>

Scholarship applications are available; the deadline is June 26th. Their scholarships are \$5000 each.



New Member Applications

Name: Libby Allchin
Title: Project Sales Coordinator
Company name: National Oilwell Varco
Sponsored by: Jerri Babin
Interested in the following committee(s): Scholarship

Name: Andra Morris
Title: Sales
Company name: Alloy Metals & Tubes, Intl.
Sponsored by: Terri Guerrero
Interested in the following committee(s): Scholarship

Happy Birthday to SPWP Members!



June Rogers....6/11
Jerri Babin....6/22
Paige Whitton....6/30

Mark Your Calendar

June
SPWP Meeting
Thursday, June 11

July
SPWP Meeting
Thursday, July 9

August
SPWP Meeting
Thursday, August 13



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Education/Social Committee

Chair – Evalyn Shea
Co-Chair - Erica Coman

Hospitality Committee

Chair - TBA

Web site & Newsletter

Chair - Melissa Pastrano

FHPW Delegates

Delegates - Ashley Bougeous and Pricilla Gagliano
Alternate - Mary Campana

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SPWP Committees & Chairs

Casino Night Committee

Chair - Sandi Peppard
Co-chair - Kelsey Hulett

Scholarship Committee

Chair - Jerri Babin
Co-chair - Mary Campana