

SPWP NEWS



March 2007

President's Letter:

Dear SPWP Members and Guests,

Thank you to all of you who came or contributed to our Annual Business Meeting. Our industry is so busy and the involvement and dedication of this group of professional women always is amazing! This year looks to be fast-paced and calendars are filling up quickly. The SPWP web site will be a great source to not only meetings, but newsletters, events, news, etc. so please add it to your favorites.

March brings St. Patrick's Day, the beginning of Spring, Daylight Savings Time and Casino Night. Our SPWP Casino Night is on Friday, March 30th at the Westlake Club. This is our 22nd Annual Casino Night. It is an evening filled with excitement, enjoying the wonderful view of West Houston, relaxing with friends and others in our industry and supporting the SPWP Scholarship Program. This is truly an evening that people talk about throughout the year. I've heard about a few new surprises that have been added for this year so please come and experience it for yourself and bring a friend! Tickets and raffle tickets can be obtained from any SPWP member.

This month at our breakfast meeting on March 8th, Susan Ponce with Halliburton's Energy Services Group (ESG) will present a program on Leadership Development. Her presentation is entitled "Leadership Development and the Attributes of a Leader". Education and training is so important in all of our jobs and SPWP is striving to broaden through our monthly meetings with more exposure of women in the energy industry. Please join us at the Marriott Westchase for this informative presentation.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting on the 8th and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Sincerely,

Mary

March's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, March 8th, 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, March 5th 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 March 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 February Meeting

Mary Campana called the meeting to order at the Marriott Houston Westchase on February 8, 2007. Mary opened the meeting by thanking SPWP members for their support and prayers for her family.

Mary asked for a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Barbara Kender made a motion and Joan Kraus seconded.

Denise Kraus requested that members RSVP for meeting by the Monday of the week of SPWP meetings to prevent scheduling problems.

Melissa Marshall presented the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year 2006. She reported that SPWP had a banner year in 2006 with membership, dues and guest income all increases. \$53,293 was raised through fundraising and donations for scholarships for 2007. Membership is continuing to increase with SPWP having approximately seventy (70) members.

Melissa Marshall and Lellany Conaway reminded everyone that SPWP received \$1,660.00 and \$2,676.00 respectively for assisting with the AADE and API annual golf tournaments. The 2007 AADE golf tournament will be held on April 2nd and more volunteers are needed this year to help with mulligan sales. The 2007 API golf tournament will be held October 8th and SPWP's Lellany Conaway will be the chairperson of the golf tournament. Congratulations to Lellany for being selected to be the first female chairperson of the API golf tournament.

Evalyn Shea moved to approve the 2006 Treasurer's Report and Joan Kraus seconded the motion. The 2006 Treasurer's Report was approved.

Melissa Marshall gave an update on the status of Casino Night which will be held on March 30,

2007 at The Westlake Club. Margaret Hare is the treasurer for Casino Night and all sponsorship forms can be faxed to Margaret at (281) 754-4656. Melissa reported that Casino Night will be using Monte Carlo Casino as its vendor this year for casino tables and dealers. Decorations for Casino Night will be changing this year and a description of the decorating scheme was discussed. Set-up for Casino Night will begin at 2:00 p.m. on March 30th. The kick-off committee meeting for Casino Night is scheduled for March 14th. A reminder was given that all SPWP members must purchase their own entry tickets to attend Casino Night. Completed Sponsorship Forms are needed for sales of raffle tickets, table sponsorships and entry tickets, as well as prize donations.

Melissa Marshall gave a report on the By-Laws Committee meeting that recently met to work on Policies and Procedures so that they would be consistent with the By-Laws. A lot was accomplished by the By-Laws Committee at their meeting. Mary Campana requested that all committee chairpersons update their Policies & Procedures within the next several months and submit them to the By-Laws Committee.



Mary Campana requested that all chairpersons turn in their records to the Board annually so that the Board can accumulate the records to facilitate historical recordkeeping. Mary announced that each major committee will be assigned to a current board member whose responsibility it will be to collect the committee

records on behalf of the Board of Directors.



Melissa Pastrano requested that new membership changes be submitted to Nancy Bell. She also announced that updates for the monthly newsletters should be submitted on or before the 24th of each month. She also announced that the primary means of circulating the newsletter will be via an electronic email with a link to the newsletter. This will assist with not tying up company servers and reduce printing costs of having to print so many newsletters for each monthly meeting. Melissa announced that the Scholarship forms for 2007 are now available on the web site. Great job on the web site, Melissa!!

A discussion was held on the status of the Yahoo groups and its continued usability. Evalyn Shea moved to abolish the use of the Yahoo groups and Sue Becknell seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a majority.

Manners in which to circulate FHPW information was discussed since Yahoo groups was used in the past. It was decided that FHPW information will be placed in the SPWP monthly newsletters.

Evalyn Shea gave an update on the activities of the Historical Committee and thanked Vicki Mays for all her hard work scanning photographs and other historical information. Evalyn announced that she hopes to locate and scan old SPWP newsletters and requested that all members look in their files to see

if they have any. If so, please give them to a Historical Committee member. A meeting will be scheduled in the coming months to elect a chairperson and co-chairperson for the Historical Committee.

Erica (Bogan) Coman, chairperson for the Social Committee, announced that she has plans to schedule fun outings in 2007 for SPWP members and anyone with suggestions should forward them to her.

Alicia Torben announced that there were several members who signed up to serve on the Hospitality Committee. She requested that those serving on the committee show up at 7:00 a.m. for the monthly meeting to welcome members and guests. She suggested that scheduling dates might be advisable as only two to three members are needed at each meeting to greet guests and members.

Cathy Williams announced that she will resume her role as chairperson of the Golf Committee. She needs hardworking members to sign up to help with Golf Committee. The Golf Tournament is scheduled for November 5, 2007. Congratulations to Cathy Williams on a successful 2006 golf tournament!!

Evalyn Shea volunteered to chair the Education Committee. A discussion was had about the need to schedule more educational field trips since that is one of the reasons for which SPWP was founded. It was urged that a strong SPWP turnout is needed for educational field trips to show that we are a strong organization. Carla Cooper cautioned that SPWP may be overextending its members with all the charity events it sponsors and participates in. Sandra Mourton suggested combining a social event with an educational field trip. Sandra and Evalyn will schedule a trip to the Ocean Star during the spring of 2007.

Mary Campana announced that the Board of Directors voted to move

the annual business meeting to November to help facilitate transitioning board members each year.

Barbara Kender gave an update on the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship applications have been mailed to Houston area schools. Application review will be in April 2007 and interviews will be held in June. Mary announced that the Scholarship Committee membership must be limited because of the interview process, but a concerted effort is being made to find new and additional ways for individuals to assist the Scholarship Committee.

Clyde wished a Happy Birthday to all the February ladies!

Patsy Wells gave an update on speakers scheduled through August 2007. Any suggestions for speakers and/or topics should be forwarded to Patsy Wells.

Patsy announced that the next Federation of Houston Professional Women will be held on April 24th at the Hess Club. Go to www.fhpw.org to make your reservations to attend the quarterly meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.



Casino Night Committee

The next Casino Night Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Escalante's in Town & Country. Sell, sell, sell!

Happy Birthday to SPWP Members!

Lilia Glekel	Mar. 02
Martha Hackstedt	Mar. 14
Joan Kraus	Mar. 14
Judy Ondrusek	Mar. 14
Deanna Hopkins	Mar. 14
Lindsay Hanisko	Mar. 22
Evalyn Shea	Mar. 24



FHPW 2007 Dates

FHPW meetings will be held on April 24, July 24, and October 23. 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@groups.com.

The FHPW Quarterly Meeting will be held at the H.E.S.S. Building on Monday, April 23, beginning at 5:15 for introductions. The speaker at this meeting will be Gail Schubot, Attorney and Volunteer Firefighter. Reservations are required. www.fhpw.org



Mark Your Calendar

March:

SPWP Meeting

Susan Ponce, Senior Vice President of Commercial Law at Halliburton will be speaking on Leadership Development and the Attributes of a Leader. March 8

Don't miss it!

Daylight Savings Time

Begins on Sunday, March 11. This is several weeks earlier than normal, so check your calendars and your clocks.

St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 17 – Get your green on for luck!

SPWP Casino Night

March 30 at Westlake Club.



Casino Night 2007 is set for March 30th at the Westlake Club near Eldridge & I-10. This will be the 22nd year for this eloquent and fun event. It is the social event of the spring season!

Be sure to get your ticket sales and sponsorship forms to Marget Hare as soon as possible. We still have a few prime sponsorship slots available. Contact Margaret for more information.

April:

SPWP Meeting

Wade Adams, Ph.D. from Rice University's Richard E. Smalley Institute of Nanoscale Science and Technology will be presenting on nanotechnology in the petroleum industry. April 12

Other Announcements

Oilfield Helping Hands will be having a clay shoot on Friday, March 23, at Baroid on the Brazos. If anyone would like to put a team together to participate, or just come out and volunteer, contact Gary Brooks at gary.brooks@hunting-intl.com or by cell 281-450-9965.

The SPWP Yahoo group has been disabled. Please go to the SPWP web site (www.spwp.org) for the latest news and information.



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*See you all
at
Casino
Night!*



Map to the Marriott Westchase

SPWP Committees & Chairs

SPWP Casino Night Committee

Chair - Melissa Marshall
Co-Chair – Nancy Bell / Melissa Pastrano

SPWP Scholarship Committee

Chair - Barbara Kender
Co-Chair - Margaret Hare

SPWP Golf Committee

Chair - Cathy Williams
Co-Chairs - TBA

SPWP By-Laws Committee

Chair - Melissa Marshall
Co-Chair – Nancy Bell

SPWP Education Committee

Chair – Evalyn Shea
Co-Chair - TBA

SPWP Historian Committee

Chair – Vicki Mays
Co-Chair – TBA

SPWP Hospitality Committee

Chair - Alicia Torben

SPWP Social Committee

Chair – Erica Bogan

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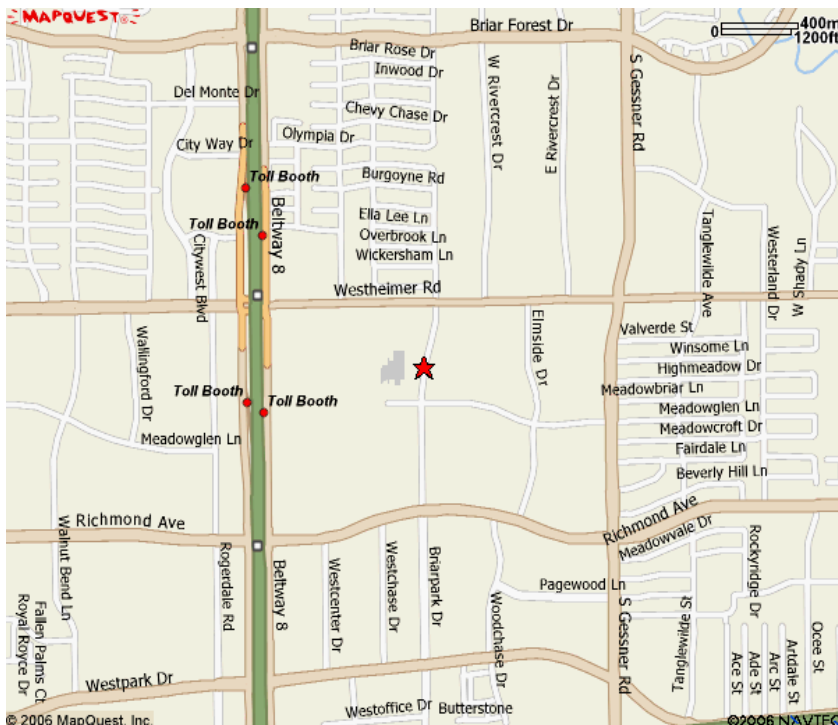
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Chair - Melissa Pastrano

FHPW Delegates

Main - Lindsay Hanisko &
Patsy Wells

Alt. – Evalyn Shea



*Society of Professional Women in Petroleum
Presents
21st Annual Casino Night Fundraiser*

To be held: Westlake Club, 570 Westlake Park Blvd. Houston Texas

On: 30th March 2007 Commencing at 7:30 pm

Ticket Cost: \$ 40.00 in advance or \$ 50.00 at the door

Each entry is entitled to \$1000.00 play money

Hors d'Oeuvres served 7:30-9:30

Attire: Black Tie Optional

About SPWP

The Society of Professional Women in Petroleum was founded as a non-profit organization in 1981, to support professional career women in the petroleum industry through technology and information. Members consist of women who have active careers in oil related fields, such as Engineering, Geology, Sales, Research, Finance, Purchasing, Advertising, Quality and Marketing.

Our fundraising efforts directly support scholarships for young women attending Texas Universities. This program is a direct result of our members' dedication to promoting education.

With support of SPWP members and the Houston petroleum industry, this scholarship program is possible.

Please make plans to attend this year's "SPWP Casino Night"

Ticket Information:

Contact Melissa Marshall

(281) 828-5900

Corporate Sponsorships Available!

Hope To See You There!