



SPWP

News

Society of Professional Women in Petroleum

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

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March's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, March 12th, 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, March 9th** 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,

This year looks to be fast-paced and calendars are filling up quickly, even with the downturn of the economy, everyone seems to be very busy. Bookmark the SPWP Web site, I'm sure you will find it a great source to not only meetings but newsletters, events, FHPW, etc. so please add it to your favorites.

March brings St. Patrick's Day, the beginning of Spring, Daylight Savings Time, the announcement of our 2009 Woman of Excellence nominee and our first fundraising event of 2009. Derricks & Dice will "roll" on April 24th at the Hotel Derek. I know that everyone will soon be busy soliciting sponsors, selling entry tickets, and selling raffle tickets. Where else can you socialize, have fabulous food, gamble, win great prizes and send young women to college for \$50? Remember what we do today determines what we are able to do for the scholarship recipients in 2010. If you have not already done so and would like to volunteer please see Sandi Peppard or Kelsey Hulett for information on opportunities. I am always amazed that such a small group of women can accomplish so much. I can't think of a better event! Please make every effort to be in attendance and support our event.

I want to thank all of the new members who I've had the pleasure of working with recently on various committee's and with FHPW, it is great to see all the new enthusiasm and fresh faces. I know that I for one am enjoying getting to know you better. If you are a new member or even a guest attending waiting to become a member, please don't be shy. Contact myself, or any board member to find out more about volunteer opportunities within SPWP.

This month at our breakfast meeting on March 12th, Anthony Gallegos, Vice President of Business Development, Scorpion Offshore will be our guest speaker. Please join us in making him feel welcome. Education and training is so important in all of our jobs and SPWP is striving to broaden our knowledge though industry speakers. Please join us at the Marriott Westchase for this informative presentation. I will be unable to attend the meeting and Nancy Scales will once again be filling in for me along with the fabulous ladies who currently serve on SPWP's Board of Directors! I expect to be back for the April meeting and look forward to seeing you all!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Melissa

Melissa Marshall, President
Society of Professional Women in Petroleum

Minutes of the February Meeting

Nancy Scales called the meeting to order at the Westchase Marriott on February 12, 2009 at 7:50 a.m. Nancy explained that she was filling in for the President Melissa Marshall and introduced the rest of the Board members. Nancy then asked for each table's guests to stand and be recognized.



Denise Kraus introduced the two new members, Judy Pickett with Cameron and Paige Whitton with Utex Industries. Denise asked that any members who have not received a badge to let her know and she will provide them with one. Keri Gonzales and Janean Lyon acknowledged that request. Nancy Scales asked that any guest that has attended 3 out of 4 consecutive meetings, please contact Denise Kraus and she will provide the application to them to start the process.

Nancy asked for a motion to approve the January minutes. Sandi Peeperd made the motion and Denise Kraus seconded. The minutes were

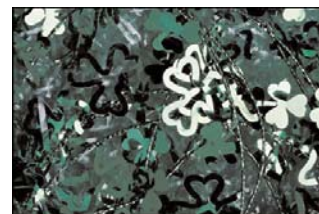
approved as written.

Jerri Babin announced the kick-off meeting for scholarship on Tuesday February 17, 2009 at 6:00 pm located at NOV 5th floor. Pizza will be provided and Jerri asked to be contacted by those planning to attend so she knows how much space and food to provide.

Jerri introduced this month's speaker Richard Bloom. Richard offered tips on how to avoid being a victim of violent crime on the streets, in the car and at home.

Richard asked why we should take the time to think about personal safety. According to the FBI, a murder happens every 30 minutes. Every 36 seconds an aggravated assault happens and every 5.7 minutes a rape happens. In Houston on average there are 60 rapes and 1,100 aggravated assaults. Richard said statistically only 1 out of every 10 crimes is actually reported, so the issue is much larger than it seems. Richard wrote a book based on 14 real life stories about 14 people that put themselves in uncontrolled situations that never thought anything would happen to them. The shirt stories provide information on how they were able to be in their situations, what to do in those situations and how to prevent the situations from happening in the first place. Use this type of information to share with

your family so they do not get into the same situations.



Walk out of buildings – Prior to walking out of a building stop and scan outside the building to see what is going on. If something doesn't look right listen to that feeling and don't go out without getting someone to watch you. Walk with your key or a ball point pen between your fingers as a weapon and go for the face if attacked. If you are driving and you feel you are being followed, make the next three right turns to end up where you started. If they are still behind you call 911. Do not pull into a convenience store, they are not always safe. If you pull up to your house and there is someone there that you don't recognize, keep going. When entering your home, immediately close and lock your door. Do not wait to close/lock the door until your packages are put away. Never tell anyone you live alone. If you approached by someone with a knife, do what they say until the knife is moved from your body and do one of the following: spin around grab them by the head and go for the eye sockets, kick/hit the groin area, hit the Adams apple, or fall on the floor and fake a seizure. In the case of attempted rape, do what they

say, moving slowly talking the whole time. This makes you more human and more difficult to injure. If this doesn't work try to throw up on yourself or him to discourage the act.

Richard stated that when the economy is bad people are more stressed and agitated and in turn do things they might normally not do. Richard brought Pepper spray (Orthochlorobenzalmalonitrile) for purchase and asked that each of us carry this for our protection.

Sandi Peppard gave a casino update announcing that the committee had their kick-off meeting a few weeks before. The event will be at the Hotel Derek on April 24, 2009. Sandi has a sign-up sheet which we need volunteers. Next Casino meeting is possibly next week.

Erica Coman announced that membership dues of \$75.00 are due by February 15, 2009 to avoid late charges.

The topic of the SPWP brochure was discussed and the Board will address the production of a new brochure at this month's board meeting.

Clyde wished the February births a Happy Birthday. Clyde also announced that the mystery hand shaker was Sue Becknell who announced the winner to be MaryAnn Vandermark.

Sandra Mourton thanked SPWP for sponsoring printing of the See Hear & Do Education Program Guide for the Offshore Energy Center.

Meeting was adjourned.

March Speaker - Anthony Gallegos

Anthony joined Scorpion Offshore in March 2006 as Vice President Business Development. He is responsible for the company's efforts at identifying, pursuing and contracting day-work drilling opportunities in international markets around the world.



Anthony started his career in 1989 working offshore as a roustabout in the Gulf of Mexico. Since then, he has held positions involving operations, maintenance, marketing, contracts, corporate planning, investor relations and business development at offshore drilling companies. He has been involved with offshore projects around the world involving bottom-supported and floating drilling units. In addition, he has contributed to the equipment

specification, layout, and selection of ultra-premium jackups including the KFELS Mod V B and the LeT Super 116 design of jackups.

Anthony is a member of SPE, API, and IADC. He is a veteran of the US Army and holds a B.B.A. from Texas A&M University and an M.B.A. from Rice University. He and his family reside in Houston, Texas.

New Member Applications

Name: Jennifer Shoemaker
Title: Business Development Assistant
Company Name: Boots & Coots International Well Services, Inc.
Sponsored By: Mary North
Interested in the following Committee(s): Casino Night

Name: Rachel Hawthorn
Title: Executive Assistant
Company Name: Anson Flowline Equipment, Inc.
Sponsored By: Melissa Marshall
Interested in the following Committee(s): Golf Tournament, Casino Night

FHPW Update



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

Happy Birthday to SPWP Members!



Lilia Glekel....3/2
Ashley Bourgeois....3/11
Melissa Chavez....3/16
Martha Hackstedt....3/14
Deanna Hopkins....3/14
Joan Kraus....3/14
Andrea Flynn....3/19
Evalyn Shea....3/24
Gina Crawford....3/26

Mark Your Calendar



April

SPWP Meeting
Thursday, April 9

May

SPWP Meeting
Thursday, May 14

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Casino Night Committee

Chair - Sandi Pepppard
Co-chair - Kelsey Hulett

Scholarship Committee

Chair - Jerri Babin
Co-chair - Mary Campana

Golf Committee

Chair - Patsy Wells
Co-Chairs - Lellany Conaway
and Terri Guerrero

By-Laws Committee

Chair - Melissa Marshall

Co-Chair – Nancy Bell-Scales

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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