

SPWP NEWS



May 2007

President's Letter:

Dear SPWP Members and Guests,

It has certainly been a busy month with so many events including our Casino Night, AADE golf tournament, scholarship entries due and OTC beginning. I would like to thank all of you for your participation in making each of these events a success. At this time, I would like to recognize and thank the Casino Night committee for their dedication and hard work in which we raised over \$18,000 for our scholarship fund! Congratulations on a Great Job!

I would like to extend my thanks to Dr. Wade Adams for introducing SPWP and our many guests to Nanotechnology at our April meeting. It was very informative and has been a topic throughout the month at every event I attended. If any of you missed it or would like to review the presentation, Dr. Wade has sent a copy to share with everyone on the SPWP web site.

May is often a busy time for our Industry with the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) in town. It is a fabulous opportunity to see old friends and make new contacts. Take time and invite acquaintances, co-workers and friends to our SPWP meeting. This month, our speakers will be Geneva Rader and Robyn Cochran with Merrill Lynch. The presentation will be on disaster preparations including actual events occurring during Hurricane Katrina and Rita. Come and relax over breakfast on May 10th at the Marriott Westchase. Please be sure and read the rest of the newsletter for information and happenings!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting on the 10th.

To all the Mom's – Have a wonderful Mother's Day!

Sincerely,

Mary

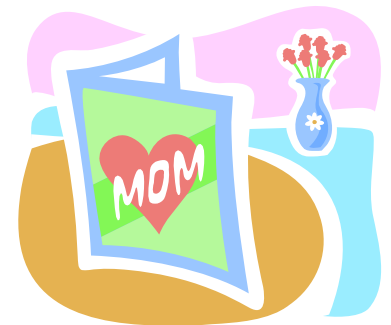
May's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, May 10th, 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, May 7th 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 April 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 April Meeting

Mary Campana called the meeting to order at the Westchase Marriott on April 12th at 8:00 a.m.

Patsy introduced our speaker, Dr. Wade Adams, the Director of the Richard E. Smalley Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology at Rice University. Dr. Adams is devoted to the development of new innovations on the nanometer scale by coordinating and supporting nanoscience and nanoengineering research of over 120 faculty members. Some current projects include research in carbon nanotubes, nanoporous membranes, molecular electronics and computing, and diagnostic and therapeutic medical applications of buckyballs and nanoshells. The Smalley Institute is part of a major initiative at Rice to expand activities in nano, bio, info and enviro science and engineering, and to expand interactions with the Texas Medical Center through the Alliance for NanoHealth. Dr. Adams retired from the U.S. Air Force senior executive ranks in January 2002, as the Chief Scientist of the Materials and Manufacturing Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Adams was educated at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Massachusetts.

During a six-week summer project in 1985, Professor Richard E. Smalley developed the C₆₀ Buckminsterfullerene 'Buckyball' with Robert F. Curl and Harold Kroto. The buckyball is a soccer ball-shaped molecule which, together with other fullerenes such as C₇₀, now constitutes the third elemental form of carbon. Eleven years later, Professor Smalley won the

Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his research in 1996. He was present when the National Nanotechnology Program was signed by President Bush at the White House in November, 2003.

Nanotechnology can be defined as "the understanding and control of matter at dimensions of roughly 1 to 100 nanometers, where unique phenomena enable novel applications." Nanotechnology involves imaging, measuring, modeling, and manipulating matter at this length scale.

Nanotechnology has emerged as a promising field of research with endless applications such as:

- Hard drives
- Sunscreens
- Automotive catalysts
- Car bumpers
- Paints and coatings
- Tennis balls and racquets
- Stain-resistant clothing
- New cancer therapies



Energy can easily be identified as number one out of humanity's top ten problems for next 50 years. Global energy demand will also continue to grow as our population grows. Issues such as global warming are at the forefront of our minds and we must turn to technology to solve our problems. Alternatives such as nuclear power, hydrogen, sunlight and windmills have not proved to be the best solution.

The Carbon Nanotechnology Laboratory was founded by Rick Smalley in 2003. He constructed a single wall of carbon nanotubes from a graphene sheet of Texas chicken wire. It is

the strongest fiber possible, with selectable electrical properties and the scale and perfection of DNA. At 5% capacity, the perfect Armchair Quantum Wire will conduct 100,000 Amps per square cm.

For drillers, Nanotechnology can assist with:

- Stronger pipe, casing, structures
- Complex fluids
- Sensors
- Seals, elastomers with nano fillers

Nanotechnology is not widespread in our industry due to lack of innovation in the E&P sector, barriers to entry, adoption and perceived cost and risk, and lack of awareness.

We need our future generations to enter into physical science and engineering fields. By 2012, if current trends continue, over 90% of all physical scientists and engineers in the world will be in Asia.

What can we do now? Learn as much as possible about energy and nanotechnology and encourage kids to study science and engineering!

Wade wrapped up his presentation and took questions from the audience.

Mary asked for a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Evalyn Shea made a motion and Margaret Hare seconded; the meeting minutes were approved.

Mary announced Casino Night was attended by twenty-five SPWP members and brought in a total of \$18,188.

The newsletter has a 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 Melissa Pastrano or Lilia Glekel.

Evalyn announced the next FHPW quarterly meeting would be held at the HESS club on April 23rd. Gail Schubot is the guest speaker. Social/Networking begins at 5:15 p.m. This year, SPWP's Woman of Excellence is Melissa Marshall. Congratulations Melissa!

Barbara Kender has received 52 scholarship applications. The first scholarship meeting will be held at Vetco, April 19th after work.

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 April ladies!

Clyde announced the Oilfield Christian Fellowship will meet for breakfast during OTC. Please pick up a card from the table.

Sandra Mourton thanked those that volunteered at the AADE golf tournament. AADE donated \$1,890 towards our scholarship program.

Erica Coman has investigated some possibilities for future social events. Sweet Charity (a Broadway show) will be showing on June 29th, other possibilities include a cooking class in September and the Gem Show on October 27th. She will send an Evite with the information.

Cathy Williams will chair the golf tournament this year on November 5th. Susie Coon and Lellany Conaway will co-chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.



New Member Applications

SPWP has received membership applications from the following people:

Name: Janet Foltyn McAfee
Title: Managing Director/Owner
Company Name: Foreign Operations
Sponsored By: Patsy Wells
Interested in the following Committees: Casino Night

Name: Cindy Wright
Title: Senior Sales Analyst
Company Name: Vetco Gray
Sponsored By: Barbara Kender
Interested in the following Committees: Golf Tournament

Name: Tammie L. Westlund
Title: Senior Sales Coordinator
Company Name: Vetco Gray GE Oil and Gas
Sponsored By: Barbara Kender
Interested in the following Committees: Casino Night, Scholarships, Golf Tournament



Casino Night Recap

A good time was had by all at the 2007 SPWP Casino Night held on Friday, March 30 at the Westlake Club! SPWP cleared over \$18,000 toward the 2008 Scholarship Fund. We had approximately 240 people in attendance at this fun evening.

This is a bit smaller attendance than last year's 317, but the ambiance was great, the food was plenty, and merriment kicked in. All in all, another successful event! Thank you to everyone who contributed: the committee who met repeatedly and planned out the details, to the many members who sold admission and raffle tickets and gathered sponsors and gifts, and the event volunteers who made it all come together. Thank you everyone!

Nancy Bell has generously agreed to step up and take the reins as Casino Night Chairwoman for 2008. Melissa Marshall will be stepping aside to make room for a new co-chair, to help Nancy continue the growth and excellence of SPWP events. Remember, the best way to experience the heart of SPWP and get to know the members is to volunteer for its philanthropy. Please contact Melissa Marshall if you're interested.



FHPW 2007 Dates

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](mailto: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!



Mary Campana

Any nicknames?

*Not really. Some of my Bunco friends call me "Mar" and a guy I worked with long ago at WKM named me "Mary Bell" since my last name "Campana" means bell in Spanish. Whenever I talk to him, he still calls me "Mary Bell".
September 2002*

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

I was introduced to SPWP from Barbara Kender since we worked in the Capital Drilling Dept at Vetco Gray together. I would occasionally help her make copies of the newsletters and sell raffle tickets. I attended several meetings and promised to join when time permitted since I was a single mom. I joined after my son graduated high school and my daughter graduated college in May 2002.

What is your current career path and how

Currently I am a Technical Rep. in Subsea Proposals at Cameron. I spent most of my career as a

did you get here?
Future career goals?

Manufacturing and Quality Engineer. I wanted to have a change and this is up front verses dealing with the execution of orders. I have thought about pursuing a Black Belt Certification depending on my schedule and many people have suggested Project Management. I would now consider being able to travel some since my life allows for it and my children are grown.

Any special experiences or memorable moments in your career?

Since most of my career has been in Manufacturing, I can tell you that I was the only woman most of the time. I feel more comfortable in safety shoes than in heels! Overall, the experience has been very rewarding and never dull! One interesting experience early in my career was spending 3 weeks as a supervisor in the shop at WKM for a guy on vacation. It was union shop and was a really good hands-on experience!

Any areas of expertise?
Special knowledge?

I have a strong background in Manufacturing in the metal cutting environment which leads me into the Quality field. My background plays a strong foundation in costing since so many things are out-sourced and plants can be half way around the world. Industry Standards like API, ASTM, ISO, etc. have a significant role and cost in our products today and this Industry requires that we know the specifications. Knowledge and Education is on going and I welcome all the training I can get! I am often called on for contract reviews in this area.

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

In my personal life, I enjoy gardening, HGTV and home improvements, playing Bunco (been involved with a neighborhood group for 17 years), playing golf and pets. My children are both near and I do things with them. They each left me a pet so I would not be bored. My son Freddy, left me a rescued collie named Scottie and my daughter left me a black cat named Shadow who is now diabetic and receives insulin shots daily.



Deanna Hopkins

Any nicknames? *No*

Member of SPWP since: *July 2006*

How did you come into SPWP? *Jerri Babin informed me about SPWP. It sounded like a great organization for a young lady in the oil industry who's looking to: 1.) Make trustworthy contracts and 2.) Learn about the oil industry, all while having some fun!*

What is your current career path and how did you get here? *I currently work for the Logistics department at National Oilwell Varco. We handle the imports and exports of capital equipment and rig packages. I started with NOV straight out of college. They have a rotational program that allows you to get experience in several areas of the company. After all my rotations, my needs and the Logistic Dept. needs were similar enough to earn me a position. Right now, I'm looking to increase my knowledge on equipment used in the industry and on logistical matters. I think that most of the gain will come from experience, so I'm looking to get involved and get hands on experience as much as I can.*

Future career goals?

Any special experiences or memorable moments in your career? *I participated in a Rig Inventory where I boarded the Jack-Up rig by riding a Billy Pugh over the water. Four tiring days of digging through filthy equipment searching for part numbers and a 700 line spreadsheet later, I had several unforgettable memories and an increased knowledge of the equipment necessary to run a rig. Being that I am fresh out of college, I don't have the experience to claim any expertise on logistical matters, but feel free*

Any areas of expertise?

Special knowledge?

Personal life, hobbies, family, favorite books?

to direct all your questions about Texas A&M to me. I got married last December so, I'm still adjusting to married life. I am a very active individual and love anything outdoors: jogging, biking, golfing, camping, etc. I am also interested in arts and crafts and like to sew and make other decor for my home.

Favorite anecdote?

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



SPWP
2007 Woman of Excellence

SPWP has selected Melissa Marshall as our Woman of Excellence for 2007. Congratulations Melissa!

Happy Birthday to SPWP Members!

Denise Kraus	May 03
Sue Becknell	May 05
Carie Watson	May 07
Patsy Wells	May 07
Lellany Conaway	May 12
Jennifer Rumfola	May 17
Bobby Wallace	May 17
Deanna Johnson	May 22
Peggy Vincik	May 30





May Speakers & Topic

Geneva A. Rader and **Robyn S. Cochran** have been in the banking and financial services industry for over 25 years each. They formed the Cochran – Rader & Associates team this year.

Robyn moved to Merrill Lynch in 1999 and is a Certified Financial Manager, Senior Financial Advisor and Assistant Vice President.

Geneva moved to Merrill Lynch in 2004 as a Financial Advisor and is an integral member of Cochran – Rader & Associates.

"Our most deeply-held principle at Merrill Lynch is that our clients come first," agree Cochran and Rader. "We are proud to be part of the tradition."

Robyn and Geneva are active members of the Greater Angleton, Brazosport Area and Bay City chambers of commerce. Cochran is a member of the National Association of Female Executives, a Charter member of the Brazoria County Fair Association, serves on the Brazosport Chamber Board, the Board of the Christian Women's Connection and on the Hospice Care Team advisory board. Rader is a Charter Member of the American Business Women's Association and a member of Christian Women's Connection. Cochran and Rader co-chair the Greater Angleton Chamber Business and Network Leads Program and co-chair the Southern Brazoria County Red Dress 2007 Luncheon for the American Heart Association. They are both involved as Volunteers with BACH.

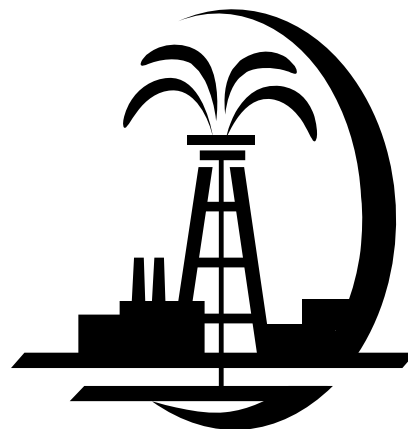
Geneva is married to Rick Rader and they have four children and three grandchildren. She and Rick are active members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Bay City, TX.

Robyn has been married to Danny Cochran for twenty six years. They have three children and five grandchildren. Robyn and Danny are active with Life Four Square Church in Angleton, TX.



Other Announcements

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





Mark Your Calendar

May:

SPWP Meeting

Geneva A. Rader and Robyn S. Cochran, both of Merrill Lynch, will be speaking on the topic of what has gone wrong along the Gulf Coast when all aspects of disaster preparedness haven't been considered.
May 10

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13

June:

SPWP Meeting

Thursday, June 14

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

November:

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



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