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May's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, May 8th, 2008**, 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 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 May 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

Dear SPWP Members and Guests,

April was certainly a busy month with Derricks and Dice, and the scholarship committee gearing up. To top it off, the Offshore Technology Conference is upon us and everyone will no doubtably be very busy. I know with demanding schedules it can be difficult to fit everything in, but I want to reiterate that involvement and participation are key to the success of our organization. I wish to thank everyone for their time and dedication to SPWP's philanthropies.

Casino Night was a HUGE success! Great job everyone!

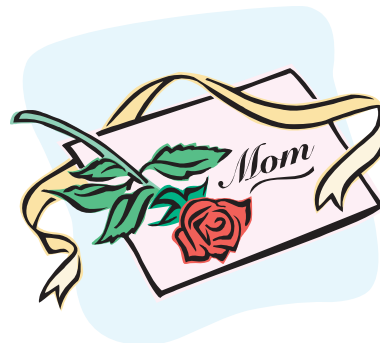
I hope the attendees at April's breakfast meeting enjoyed our speaker, Julie Kupecz with Shell. I personally found her topic "Unconventional Oil" to be very interesting. Our speakers are always wonderful and I'm sure this month's will be no different.

Nancy Bell Scales will be overseeing May's meeting in my absence as I will be at my daughter's graduation from The University of Texas.

To all the Moms—Happy Mother's Day!!!

Melissa M. Marshall

President 2008



Minutes of the April Meeting

Melissa Marshall called the meeting to order at the Marriott Westchase on April 10, 2008.

Melissa introduced the new SPWP Board for 2008. Melissa Marshall acknowledged the guests in attendance at the meeting.

Jerri Babin introduced Julie Kupecz, Senior Manager for the Upstream Grosmont Venture for Shell. Julie specializes in carbonate sedimentology, sequence stratigraphy and diagenesis. Julie spoke about unconventional oil recovery projects Shell currently is pursuing.



The first project is the Green River Formation in Colorado. The formation is comprised of oil shale which is fine-grain rock with significant amounts of kerogen (solid mixture of organic chemical compounds). Shell is utilizing an in-situ process that employs heat to convert the kerogen to oil downhole before the oil is pumped to the surface. The process yields a high recovery of light hydrocarbons that produces high-quality oil.

The first field tests on the Green River Formation were com-

menced ten (10) years ago by Shell and they currently still have one ongoing test in the Mahogany Field. To date, Shell has experienced a sixty percent (60%) recovery on tests completed. Shell has acquired leases from the Colorado Bureau of Mines and is currently awaiting the results of environmental impact studies.

Shell also has a project ongoing in Alberta, Canada utilizing an in-situ upgrading process in which heaters are inserted into holes to gradually heat the sub-surface formation. The elevated temperature upgrades the oil to lighter fractions. The process yields high recovery of light hydrocarbons while coke is left in the reservoir. Shell's field test is located in Peace River, Canada which has been ongoing since 2004. The field test has produced in excess of 100,000 barrels of light oil to date.

Nancy Bell Scales gave an update on Casino. Casino will be held on April 18, 2008 at Hotel Derek. She announced that door prize and prize table donations were still needed and April 15, 2008 is the deadline to turn in donations for the prize table. As of April 11, 2008, no more entry tickets will be mailed but will be available at will call for those that have already purchased entry tickets. She announced that entry tickets were sold out and the gaming table sponsorships were virtu-

ally sold out. The winner of the entry ticket sales contest was Alicia Torben and the runner-up was June Rogers. Congratulations Ladies!

Nancy Bell Scales moved that the minutes of the March SPWP Breakfast meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann



Vandermark and the motion was approved by a majority in attendance.

The mystery handshake winner for April was Martha Hackstadt. Martha was the fifth person to shake Mary Ann Vandermark's hand at the April meeting.

Sandra Mourton thanked the volunteers who worked the AADE Golf Tournament. She also announced that AADE has made a \$1,910 donation to the SPWP scholarship fund.

Melissa Marshall announced that Janet has derrick shirts that still need to be picked up from those that ordered them.

Mary Campana announced that the next FHPW meeting will be held on April 28, 2008 at the Hess Club. The Women of Excellence Gala has been

changed to September 27, 2208 due to a conflict with a WBE event.

Melissa Marshall wished a Happy Birthday to all the April ladies!



May Speaker - Amber Walker

Amber M. Walker is finishing up her first year as a professor at Sam Houston State University. She fell in love with the study of communication during her first undergraduate course in interpersonal communication. She changed her major shortly after that and received her BA in communication from Columbus State University in Columbus, Ga. She went on to study communication at The University of Arkansas where she earned her MA and she completed her PhD at The Pennsylvania State University in 2007. Her main areas of interest are communication in families and personal relationships, specifically focusing on communication in parent-child relationships. Outside of the office she enjoys cheering for both the Nittany Lions and the Razorbacks, traveling, exploring

new places, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

SPWP New Member Applications

SPWP has received a membership application from the following ladies:

Name: Terri Guerrero
Title: Regional Sales Representative
Company Name: Argo Int'l
Sponsored By: Alicia Torben
Interested in the following Committee(s): Casino and Golf

Name: Tina Dismukes
Title: Corporate Sales Communication Director
Company Name: National Oilwell Varco
Sponsored By: Sandy Peppard
Interested in the following Committee(s): Golf

All requests for SPWP new member applications should be forwarded to Nancy Bell-Scales at: nbell@spwp.org.



FHPW News & Dates

FHPW Quarterly Meetings

- July 28
- Oct. 27

Important Dates

FHPW Scholarship deadline is

May 9, 2008

The FHPW Women of Excellence Gala will be held September 28th at the Hyatt Regency (downtown).

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

Happy Birthday to SPWP Members!



Denise Kraus.....May 3
Sue Becknell.....May 5
Sandi Peppard.....May 7
Carie Watson.....May 7
Patsy Wells.....May 7
Lellany Conaway.....May 12
Jennifer Rumfola.....May 17
Bobbie Wallace.....May 17
Peggy Vincik.....May 30

Mark Your Calendar



May

SPWP Meeting
Thursday, May 8

June

SPWP Meeting
Thursday, June 12

July

SPWP Meeting
Thursday, July 10

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Casino Night Committee

Chair – Nancy Bell-Scales
Co-Chair – Melissa Marshall
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Scholarship Committee

Chair - Barbara Kender
Co-Chair - Margaret Hare

Golf Committee

Chair - Patsy Wells
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Co-Chair – Nancy Bell-Scales

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Chair – Vicki Mays

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FHPW Delegates

Main - Mary Campana & Denise
Kozar
Alternates – Barbara Davis &
Evalyn Shea

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