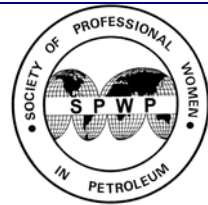


# SPWP NEWS



September 2007

## President's Letter:

Dear SPWP Members and Guests,

It doesn't seem possible that summer is nearly over and September is already here. This month, I would like to recognize Melissa Marshall, our 2007 Women of Excellence. On September 25<sup>th</sup>, the Federation of Professional Women will hold their Gala in which Melissa, along with many other women in the Houston area, will be honored for their contribution to the business community and volunteerism to so many worthwhile causes. Many of you are planning of being there and there is still time to make a reservation and attend this event. In our busy lives, it will be a night to relax and celebrate with Melissa and a great group of friends!

This fall, the calendar is filled with events including the SPWP Golf Tournament, API Golf Tournament, a SPWP Social Cooking Evening, the Women's Global Leadership Conference and many other events, not to mention the holidays. Please stay informed through the newsletter and Web site of all events and happenings.

At this time, I would also like to thank Jeff Shorter with Tenaris, for his presentation at our joint meeting with AADE in August. Our joint meeting has grown in attendance in the last years. We welcome and appreciate the support of organizations like AADE, as well companies and individuals that come and share information and technology and allow each of us with SPWP to grow in our careers.

This month we welcome back Christine Beiriger with Chevron who will present on the topic of "Deepwater Drilling in Salt." Please come and bring a friend to learn more about our industry. It will be a morning to network, meet old friends, welcome new acquaintances and to have breakfast!

Hope to see all of you at the September meeting!

Sincerely,

**Mary**

## September's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 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, September 10<sup>th</sup> using the Evite email. If you do not receive an Evite, please contact Denise at (713) 237-3510 or [dkraus@spwp.org](mailto: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 September 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 August Meeting*

Mary Campana called the meeting to order at the Marriott Westchase on August 9, 2007 at 7:55 a.m. and introduced the SPWP Board for 2007. Jeff Hughes, the current treasurer for the American Association of Drilling Engineers ("AADE"), introduced the AADE board members for 2007 and thanked SPWP for co-hosting the August meeting. Jeff gave a brief summary of AADE and its upcoming events.

Patsy Wells introduced the speaker for the August meeting, Jeff Shorter with Tenaris. Jeff gave a background summary of Tenaris and its recent accomplishment, including the acquisition of Hydril and Maverick. Jeff also gave a summary of Tenaris' fundamental values and the structure of the Tenaris organization.

Following the presentation, Lellany Conaway moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting and Evalyn Shea seconded the motion. The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Cathy Williams gave an update on the SPWP Golf Tournament which will be held on November 5, 2007 at Windrose Golf Club. Preparations for the golf tournament were reported to be "off to a good start." Volunteers, prize donations, team registrations are still needed. An email will be circulated soon on the date for the next golf tournament committee meeting.

Lellany Conaway reminded everyone that the API golf tournament will be held on October 8, 2007 at Kingwood Country Club. There will be two flights of play, one in the morning and one in the

afternoon. Lellany Conaway, or the API Web site, are available for more details on the tournament.

Erica Coman announced that the next SPWP social outing will be a cooking class held September 21, 2007 at Central Market. Detailed information about the cooking class will be circulated via Evite. Slots are still available and members are encouraged to participate to learn new tricks in the kitchen.

Evalyn Shea thanked Sandra Mourton and the Offshore Energy Center for organizing the 2007 "Salute to Interns" on July 23, 2007, at Minute Maid Park. Over 200 young people attended the event and game afterward.

Evalyn Shea announced that the 2007 Women of Excellence Gala will be held on September 29, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency with the introduction of dancing this year. This year's SPWP Women of Excellence is Melissa Marshall. FHPW raises money for educational scholarships for women attending college and graduate school.

Mary Campana announced that the Women's Global Leadership Conference will be held on November 27-28, 2007 at the Westin Galleria. There is a \$100 discount for early registration. More information about this event can be obtained from their Web site.

Clyde wished a Happy Birthday to all the August ladies!

Mary Campana reminded everyone that the business meeting will be held in November this year at which time the officers for SPWP will be elected. Mary opened the floor for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Sandra Mourton, Evalyn Shea, Joan Kraus and Carla Cooper

volunteered to serve on the nominating committee.

Mary Campana reminded everyone that more information about SPWP and AADE can be located by visiting the organizations' Web site—[www.spwp.org](http://www.spwp.org) and [www.aade.org-houston](http://www.aade.org-houston).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 a.m.



### *New Member Applications*

SPWP has received a membership application from the following persons:

**Name:** Michelle Lee Pena

**Title:** Project Coordinator/  
Project Management, Rig Solutions

**Company Name:** National Oilwell Varco

**Sponsored By:** Pamela Langowski

**Interested in the following Committees:** Golf Tournament

**Name:** Lauren Frase

**Title:** Technical Development Engineer

**Company Name:** Tenaris/Hydril Company

**Sponsored By:** Carla Cooper

**Interested in the following Committees:** Casino Night, Scholarships, Golf Tournament

**Name:** Wendy Calvin

**Title:** Project Manager, Business Development

**Company Name:** ConocoPhillips

**Sponsored By:** Susan Coon

**Interested in the following Committees:** Casino Night



## Looking Ahead

This year we will start having the SPWP Annual Business Meeting in the month of November. With half the year gone, it may be early, but please think about becoming involved with SPWP and running for a Board position in 2008! This is a great way to become involved and find out more about SPWP. Please contact any current Board member if you have any questions on the different positions.



## FHPW 2007 Dates

An upcoming FHPW meeting will be held on October 23, 2007. The FHPW Gala has been scheduled for September 29.

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).

## Happy Birthday to SPWP Members!

Joanna Rezin .....	Sept. 01
Janet McAfee .....	Sept. 09
Melissa Bascle.....	Sept. 20
Tammie Westlund ..	Sept. 20
Josena Arquieta .....	Sept. 22
Joy Rogers .....	Sept. 27
Sheri Henderson ....	Sept. 28




## Other Announcements

**Women's Global Leadership Conference:** The 2007 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women's Global Leadership Conference will be held on November 27-28 at the Westin Galleria. SPWP will sponsor the conference again this year. The conference will kick-off with a networking reception on the evening of the 27<sup>th</sup>. SPWP members attending the conference are eligible for a \$100 registration discount. There has been a Web site setup for early information on the conference: [www.gulfpub.com/WGLC](http://www.gulfpub.com/WGLC).



Plans for the **2007 SPWP Charity Golf Tournament** are well under way.

We need sponsors and donations for door prizes and volunteers for the day of the event.

The deadline for submitting player information is October 19. Any player's names, donations, etc., received after this date will not be included in the tournament program. Late donations for door prizes will be recognized at the dinner following the tournament.

The Golf Tournament Committee is looking for volunteers to assist during the tournament. If you can sign up for either a half-day or full-day shift, please contact Lilia Glekel for the schedule and available slots.

If you are interested in serving on the golf tournament committee or as a volunteer at the event, contact Cathy Williams, Susie Coon, or Lellany Conaway. The tournament is scheduled for Monday, November 5th at the Windrose Golf Club.



**SPWP's next social event** is going to the Central Market Kitchen. On Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m., SPWP has scheduled a private kitchen with an amazing chef to teach us some great new dishes for the fall. There are only 48 spots available and EVERYONE - members, non-members, and friends are welcome to come! The 2.5 hours includes fun, learning, a delicious dinner, making and growing friendships, and only costs \$60.00. Please be on the look-out for the "SPWP Kitchen Saute" Evite. I'm looking forward to eating great food with everyone in the air conditioning!

~Erica Coman  
Email: [Erica.coman@vetco.com](mailto:Erica.coman@vetco.com)

**FHPW's Gala for the Women of Excellence** is Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Downtown located at 1200 Louisiana @ Polk.

Individual seats are available at \$70 for an individual seat, and \$650 for a table of ten. Contact Mary Campana if you are interested in participating in the table reservation.

Since SPWP has nominated our own Melissa Marshall, this is a great way to network and socialize and show support for one of the leading ladies of Houston.

### *Condolences*

SPWP extends heartfelt condolences to long-time member, Peggy Vincik, on the passing of her husband, Ronnie, from cancer on August 29. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole Vincik family at this difficult time.

### *Congratulations*

Congratulations are extended to our own Patsy Wells and Wells Manufacturing LLC, and Evalyn Shea and Shea Writing Solutions, for being selected as two of this year's Houston Fast 100 winners by the Houston Business Journal for 2007.

Additionally, member Susie Coon and Disc, Inc. has been named #11 on the Houston 50 Fastest Growing Women Owned Businesses for the 2007 year by the Houston Business Journal.

### *September Speaker*

**Christine Beiriger**

**Topic:** Challenges Encountered Drilling Salt in Deepwater Gulf of Mexico

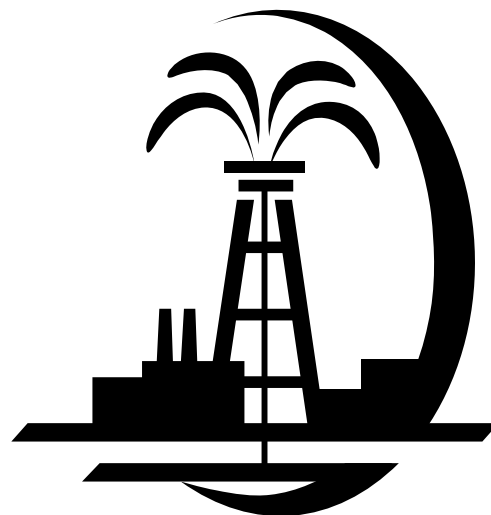
Christine Beiriger is a deepwater drilling engineer for Chevron in Houston. Prior to working for Chevron, she worked as a drilling foreman and rigsite engineer for ConocoPhillips in South Texas, Venezuela, Deepwater Gulf of Mexico, and offshore Indonesia. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines in 1998, and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Colorado.

Her drilling assignments with ConocoPhillips included implementing casing drilling technology in South Texas, and taking delivery of one of the first ever purpose-built casing drilling rigs. In Venezuela she was a rig foreman overseeing multilateral drilling in the heavy-oil Orinoco Basin in a joint venture with PDVSA. She then transferred into offshore drilling, first as a rigsite engineer for the Magnolia Project in deepwater Gulf of Mexico, and later as a rig foreman for the Belanak Project in the Natuna Sea of Indonesia. Since joining Chevron in 2005, she has been responsible for the planning and execution of subsalt deepwater wells in the Gulf of Mexico, including the Tahiti Project, which is one of the largest discoveries in the Gulf of Mexico to date. She is a member of SPE and IADC.

### *SPWP New Member Applications and Member Roster Updates*

All requests for SPWP New Member applications and any changes/updates to the SPWP Member Roster should be forwarded to Nancy Bell-Scales, the SPWP Secretary by email at:

[nbell@spwp.org](mailto:nbell@spwp.org)





## 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!*



**Melissa Marshall**

Any nicknames?	<i>Missy, Mel, Mellie and a few others.</i>
Member of SPWP since: How did you come into SPWP?	<i>I've been a member of SPWP since 2004, though I am quite sure I may have been the longest running guest. I was introduced to SPWP through Alicia Torben and it's been a whirlwind ever since.</i>
What is your current career path and how did you get here? Future career goals?	<i>My career in the oil patch came to about many years ago when my husband and I began consulting together for companies in the United Kingdom who wanted to establish a presence in the United States. After several successful start ups, we looked at each other and said "Let's do it". That was</i>

	<p><i>November of 2001, and out of that Energy Exports was born on January 1, 2002. The rest as they say is history! With a minimum annual growth of 40% and customers on just about every continent, the success is more than we had imagined. My expertise is, as many of you know, finance and accounting. Some would say "that's just the paperwork", but I would disagree. It's no small task to keep your vendors and clients happy. To convince a bank or manufacturer that you really need that quarter of a million dollar equipment and you need it today. "By the way, the checks in the mail" I think what I love best about my job and the industry I ended up in is the people. I have met some amazing people through out the years and have enjoyed so many opportunities to grow and to evolve not only as a professional but also as a human being. I believe these attributes to be somewhat unique to the oil and gas industry and I am thankful!</i></p>
Any special experiences or memorable moments in your career?	<p><i>The day I realized that my company really could pay the rent and there was even a little left over. Being selected as a Federation of Houston Professional Women "2007 Woman of Excellence" by my SPWP peers. I can't think of a greater honor.</i></p>
Personal life, hobbies, family, favorite books?	<p><i>I like to travel. In the past year I've been to the Grand Cayman, Jamaica, and New Zealand internationally. California, Baltimore, New Hampshire, and Boston domestically to watch my son play rugby. Of course there is my yearly pilgrimage to New York with my daughter Jen for my other hobby, shopping. I'm very lucky I get to work everyday with my soul mate Rick! I have two children, Jen who is a senior at UT San Antonio and Ryan is a senior at Foster High School. In the last year I have seen my daughter become president of her sorority and my son Captain of his rugby team. As well as play on Select Texas Teams, Ryan received</i></p>

<p>Favorite quote?</p>	<p><i>invitations to USA Eagle tryouts and traveled to New Zealand for two months this past summer to play rugby on a division three team, while maintaining a high academic standard. It gives me great joy to see the tradition of achievement continue! Currently, I reside in Fulshear with Rick and Ryan, our three dogs Buck, Darla May, and Scooby , and our two cats Satan (yes, he earned it) and Mickey (all rescues). These days it seems like I'm either at the office, on a rugby pitch or meeting up with my daughter for some emergency "retail therapy." Time is moving way to fast, but I think that's what happens when you're trying to cram as much as you possibly can into this one life!</i></p> <p><i>"A woman is like a tea bag- you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water." –Eleanor Roosevelt</i></p> <p><i>"To accomplish great things, one must act as well as dream."</i></p>
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**Nancy Bell-Scales**

<p>did you get here? Future career goals?</p>	<p><i>know her, is a highly respected Civil Litigation/Environmental Attorney with a preponderance of her experience in the oil and gas sector of environmental law. She currently is Of Counsel with Kilburn, Jones &amp; Gill, LLP, a well-known oil and gas firm within the industry.</i></p>
<p>Any special experiences or memorable moments in your career?</p>	<p><i>Her lists of professional accomplishments are numerous and client record exemplary. In addition to Nancy's highly esteemed litigation abilities, she is also known for her developmental strategies. She was national defense coordinator in the implementation of a successful nationwide defense strategy for product liability. Nancy's also an accomplished writer in her field having published works in professional journals such as Harris Martin Silica-Columns.</i></p>
<p>Personal life, hobbies, family, favorite books? Favorite quote?</p>	<p><i>Nancy recently took a little time off to develop her personal life as well. Ms. Bell is now Mrs. Bell-Scales. She and Roger, who is an Attorney as well, reside in Houston. They own a ranch in Electra, Texas where they can occasionally be found escaping urbanity. Nancy's hobbies include mystery novels, travel and shopping. With a birthday in October, her dad labeled her young with "pumpkin". You never know, with Nancy's writing abilities we may someday have a NY times bestselling mystery novel, "The Escape of the Pumpkin Queen".</i></p> <p><i>Motto: Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. –Mark Twain</i></p>

<p>Any nicknames?</p>	<p><i>None</i></p>
<p>Member of SPWP since: How did you come into SPWP?</p>	<p><i>Ms. Bell has been a member of SPWP since December 2005 and current chair for Casino Night.</i></p>
<p>What is your current career path and how</p>	<p><i>She holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law. Nancy, as we</i></p>

*Want to recommend someone to be featured in "Introducing...?" Want to volunteer for an upcoming newsletter? If so, contact Lillia Glekel for the details!*



## Mark Your Calendar

### September:

#### Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 3

#### Anniversary of the Attack on the USA by Al-Qaida

September 11, 2001

#### SPWP Meeting

Thursday, September 13  
Christine Beiriger will speak on the Challenges Encountered Drilling Salt in Deepwater Gulf of Mexico

#### FHPW Gala

Saturday, September 29

### October:

#### API Golf Tournament

Monday, October 8 at Kingwood

#### SPWP Meeting

Thursday, October 11

#### FHPW Meeting

Tuesday, October 23

### November:

#### SPWP Golf Tournament

Monday, November 5, at Windrose Golf Club

#### SPWP Meeting

Thursday, November 8  
Member's Business Meeting – no speaker this month

#### 2007 Women's Global Leadership Conference

November 27-28, Westin Galleria.



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### SPWP Scholarship Committee

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### SPWP Golf Committee

Chair - Cathy Williams  
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