



# SPWP News



This month's meeting is August 8, 2013 at the Marriott Westchase beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Please respond to the Evite letting us know if you will be joining us or not. Regrets and RSVPs should be made with Katrina Pigusch by August 5th via email or the Evite. If you do not RSVP, we may not have the space to accommodate you. If you RSVP yes and do not attend, you will be charged the cost of the breakfast.

Reservations can be made by credit card (MasterCard, Visa or American Express) at the breakfast meeting or via PayPal on our Web site: [www.spwp.org](http://www.spwp.org).

Please remember to turn pagers and cell phones off or to silent during meetings.

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hi everyone, I hope you are all surviving the heat and enjoying your summer. I guess we have a little longer to enjoy the lighter traffic as school is gearing up to start soon. I was so thrilled to see so many of you at the scholarship breakfast meeting and I hope everyone enjoyed meeting our recipients. From the speeches they gave, I think the scholarship committee did a fantastic job again this year selecting these ladies because they are definitely motivated, ambitious, and want to give back. Thank you to our members for your participation because without it, we could not continue to afford to give these scholarships.

I hope everyone has thought about participating on the golf committee since this is our next big fund raiser. Also, we will be planning another social event so look for the details from Nicole Thomas.

I look forward to seeing you all at the August joint meeting with AADE, and thank you again for all that you do!

Priscilla Gagliano



## JULY MINUTES

SPWP President, Priscilla Gagliano, called the meeting to order at the Westchase Marriott on July 11, 2013 at 7:58 a.m. All members were welcomed and the Board of Directors was introduced. Priscilla asked for a motion to approve the June breakfast meeting minutes, which was given by Mary Campana Funderberg, seconded by Lauren Grabski and approved with “aye” by member majority.

Lauren Grabski introduced our guest speaker, Jennifer Campana, a former SPWP scholarship recipient, a Texas A&M Graduate, and Petroleum Engineer and College Campus Recruiter for Energy XXI. She gave great advice and shared experiences that were successful. She emphasized that grades open or close doors, to be smart about social networking, and to carefully research before choosing a major to avoid unemployment or underemployment. She recommended students start early to find internships or employment and get experience. We all applauded for her informative and helpful presentation and Lauren thanked Jennifer for all the great tips and gave her a gift to show our appreciation.

Debra Broussard introduced our new member, Renee Brown and presented her with a SPWP name badge.

Fourteen of our scholarship recipients and their families attended and Lauren Jijina invited each young lady to the podium to speak a few words and share what the SPWP scholarship meant to them. Lauren read an email from a recipient not able to attend. Priscilla thanked Lauren Jijina for her hard work as Scholarship Committee Chairperson and asked for the 2013 scholarship committee to stand and we applauded to show our appreciation for their work.

Priscilla reminded all members that the Annual SPWP Golf Tournament is November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Longwood Golf Course. Terri Wadley announced that the first Golf Committee meeting is July 30<sup>th</sup> at Collina's.

Nicole Thomas reported that 9 members met at Cyclone Anaya's and suggested painting with a twist for next social event.

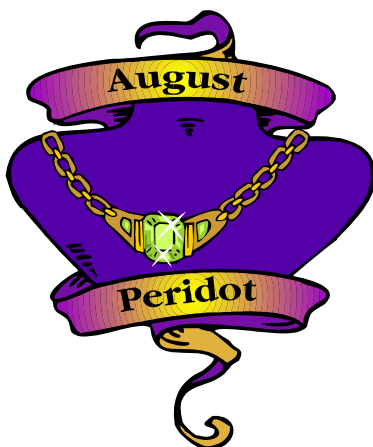
Priscilla announced Nicole Thomas as SPWP's volunteer of the month for her involvement and dedication not only to the social events but so many other things. Thanks for all that you do.

Priscilla reminded members that SPWP has a facebook page that will have a link to our website and she suggested everyone go there and “LIKE IT”.

Clyde Perrere announced the July birthdays.

Priscilla invited our 6 guests to stand for introductions. She asked for announcements from the floor: Katrina Pigusch, the “Momentum” magazine editor, offered copies of her first release and Sandra Mourton offered complimentary Ocean Star museum invitations to the scholarship recipients. Priscilla thanked all guests and SPWP members for attending the breakfast meeting and adjourned at 9:12 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Broussard



9th Terri Wadley  
12th Renee Brown  
13th Pam Collins  
17th Judy Pickett  
22nd Lataunga Spann  
25th Barbara Kender  
30th Carmen Morales



***Tess Schornick***  
*Challenges of Offshore Drilling*

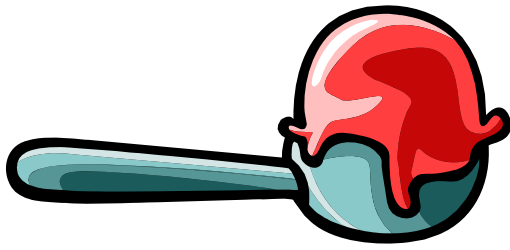
I graduated from Texas A&M in 2008 and 2010 with a BS in mechanical engineering and an MEng in petroleum engineering. After graduation I started at Shell in February of 2011. Since starting with Shell I have worked on various projects in deep water Gulf of Mexico including working a year offshore as a drilling foreman.



**Name:** Leslie Hoffman  
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**Committee Interest:** Casino Night, Golf Tournament

**Name:** Erin Dow  
**Title:** Communications Coordinator  
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**Committee Interest:** Golf Tournament

**Name:** Claudia Cortazar  
**Title:** Business Analyst - Western Hemisphere  
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**Sponsored By:** Lauren Grabski  
**Committee Interest:** Casino Night, Golf Tournament



# SPWP SCOOP

So what is going on with you?

Cheers and Beers with SPWP.

Our next social event will be in September. Maybe Painting with a Twist or Top Golf !

Hope to see all of you there!



Lauren Grabski is fostering two cute little puppies: she calls them Mickey and Minnie. The puppies will be with Lauren until they reach a healthy weight and receive all their vaccinations. They are doing very well so far.

Please let Lauren know if you are interested in adopting them!



NOV Distribution & Transmission (NOV Wilson) is finally in their new building at 7402 N. Eldridge Pkwy. Stop by and see us!

# August Featured Member



## Yasmina Rousan

Yasmina Rousan was born in Jordan. She has been in the oil and gas industry for 3 years beginning in 2010 as an Executive Assistant to the VP of Operations in NOV Dubai. Currently, her position in Contract Coordination entails managing orders for a variety of equipment.

Yasmina holds a BA in Finance from the University of New Mexico. After graduating in 2008, her dream to become a financial advisor was put on hold. She decided to move to Dubai to be closer to family and seek opportunities in the oil and gas. In 2010, she joined NOV Dubai and later on moved to Houston to join the corporate office.

Yasmina joined SPWP in May 2012 and has participated in the Golf tournament and scholarship committees. She is a proud mentor of a 7th grader, Liliana Aviles, through the Spring Branch Mentoring program.

Outside of work, Yasmina loves to plan new activities every month. Some of these activities include kickboxing, yoga, and swimming. She enjoys exploring Houston, meeting new people and traveling.



# SPWP ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are gearing up for the SPWP golf tournament which will be held November 4, 2013, at Longwood Golf Course. If you have already signed up to be on the committee or are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Terri Wadley ([twadley@joliotequipment.com](mailto:twadley@joliotequipment.com)) or Maria Marquez ([Maria.Marquez@nov.com](mailto:Maria.Marquez@nov.com)), so you fully understand the commitment obligation. It takes a great deal of work and dedication to pull together a successful event so please make sure you are able to fully commit. Thanks!



The FHPW Women of Excellence Gala being held on September 7, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Downtown. If you are interested in attending the event, the deadline to purchase tickets is August 25th. Come and support Kelsey and SPWP!



**NEW CASINO COMMITTEE!** Rhonda Warren will be our Casino Chair while Sylvia Garcia and Renee L' Brown will be Dual Co-Chairs! It may seem early, but there is a lot to do for next year's event. If you are interested in being on the casino committee please let Rhonda know ([rwarren@atcomedia.com](mailto:rwarren@atcomedia.com)). Thanks!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** SPWP is once again participating in the API Golf Tournament at the Kingwood Golf Course on October 14, 2013. Every year our members volunteer to monitor holes and assist with registration. For the hard work, API contributes a percentage of the proceeds for each hole to the SPWP scholarship fund. It would be ideal to have 3 people for each of the 3 par 3 holes so if you are interested please let Priscilla Gagliano know ([pris.gagliano@gmail.com](mailto:pris.gagliano@gmail.com)). Thanks!

## A Big Thank You!



A big thank you to the ladies who came out for last Thursday's taping of Great Day Houston. The show will be airing a plug to promote the SPWP Golf tournament during a future episode of the show. We will let everyone know when it will air.



FHPW NEWS

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2013:

- OCTOBER 28TH
- WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE GALA: SEPTEMBER 7TH

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



FHPW Gala	9/7
September Meeting	9/12
October Meeting	10/10



SPWP's Mission statement: Supporting career women in the petroleum industry through technology and information.



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The **Society of Professional Women in Petroleum** is incorporated as a non-profit organization that was formed in early 1981. The organization was formed to support professional career women in the petroleum industry through technology and information.

Through monthly breakfast meetings and special seminars, SPWP covers all aspects of drilling and production operations and constantly seeks to further expand these parameters of knowledge. Much of this is achieved through the tremendous support of the companies and the individuals who appreciate SPWP's serious dedication and share this technology and information.

SPWP's membership consists of women who have active careers in oil related fields, such as Engineering, Geology Sales, Research, Finance, Law, Quality Assurance, Purchasing, Advertising and Marketing. Memberships are available through sponsorship.

SPWP provides scholarships to Houston-area high school seniors entering a Texas college. This scholarship promotes young women in need of financial aid. Our scholarship fund is a direct result of our member's dedication to promoting education. The Houston petroleum industry and SPWP membership support our fund raisers. Our fundraisers to date have included crawfish boils, barbecues, golf tournaments and casino nights.

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