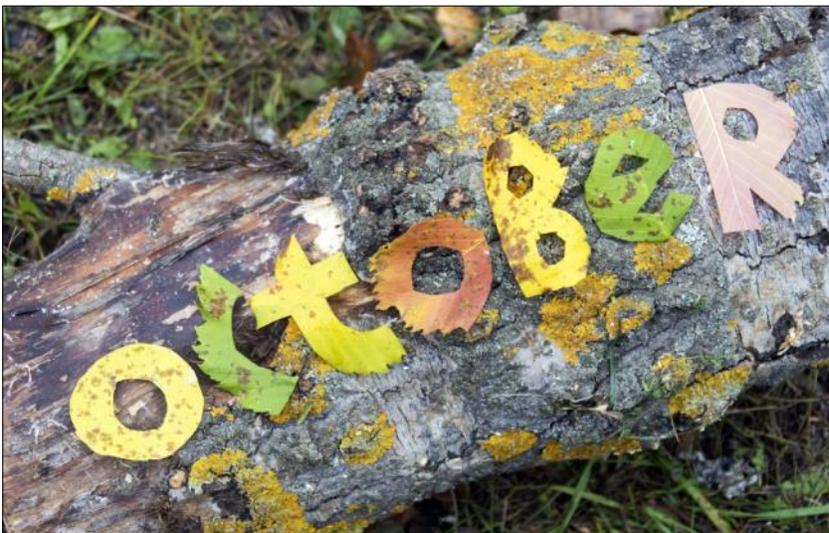




# SPWP News



This month's meeting will be held October 12th, 2017 at the Norris Conference Center, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Please respond to the PunchBowl Invite letting us know if you will be joining us or not. Regrets and RSVPs should be sent to Kadie Rose via email or the PunchBowl Invite. 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 cell phones off or to silent during meetings.



## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hello SPWP Ladies,

October and fall are officially here. Here's hoping cooler temps (or at least lower humidity) will be here soon. It also signals that Halloween is right around the corner. Wishing you more treats than tricks! Don't forget to share your pictures for our November Scoop section of the newsletter.

This month we are having an SPWP Happy Hour on October 17th at BRIO in City Center, starting at 5 pm. We will provide appetizers. Be sure to mark your calendar, RSVP, and come out for some fun and mingling! We will be scheduling several of these throughout the year at various locations around Houston. The goal is that we get to know each other better and maximize our network for helping each other.

2018 SPWP board elections will take place at our November members-only business meeting, to be held on November 9th. The November newsletter will have bios of each nominee for your review. Please plan to attend and cast your vote.

SPWP business cards have been ordered and will be available at our November meeting. Be sure to pick up a few and help spread the word about SPWP.

Remember to "Like" and "Share" us on Facebook at Society of Professional Women in Petroleum, Houston.

Sincerely,  
Sylvia Garcia

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# SEPTEMBER MINUTES

President Sylvia Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:35 am on Thursday, September 14th, 2017 at the Marriott Westchase. Sylvia welcomed all SPWP members and guests and then introduced the 2017 board members. Sylvia also spoke about the devastation from Hurricane Harvey and reminded everyone that OHH was available as a helping hand and to refer to the OHH website for more information.

Sylvia asked for a motion to approve the August minutes as written in the newsletter. Gina McGinn approved and Mary Petricko seconded. No one opposed, so the minutes were approved as written.

Sylvia asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee for the upcoming November elections. If anyone is interested they should contact Sylvia.

Kayla began the Table Talk with an Icebreaker for each table. Each person at the table was instructed to take a penny and let their table know what they were doing on the corresponding year. The Table Talk then commenced. There was a lot of participation and many good ideas and comments.

Kadie Rose announced that there was not a Featured Member of the Month. Kadie then asked for a show of hands of those who helped out in their community during Hurricane Harvey. All members raised their hands and so everyone was recognized as Volunteer of the Month.

## Announcements:

- Kadie reminded the membership about the upcoming Q3 Social at Krause Children's Center. So far there are about 12 volunteers, but anyone else interested in joining on Saturday September 30th should contact Kadie or Renee'. We will be decorating cookies with the girls at the center.
- Sylvia provided an update from the Career Clothing drive for Texas A&M. We had a lot of donations and they were very appreciative.
- Sylvia announced the one birthday for September.
- There were 3 guests in attendance.
- Kadie advised that the Race for the Cure scheduled for October has been rescheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in participating should get with Kadie or sign up on-line.

Sylvia reminded the membership and guests to Like Us on Facebook (Society of Professional Women in Petroleum, Houston). The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Brown



**October 8** Larissa Hernandez  
**October 12** Gina McGinn  
**October 18** Sherry Adams  
**October 19** Sylvia Garcia  
**October 23** Becky Lamson  
**October 31** Kadie Brown



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Calendula

# OCTOBER SPEAKER

## Fermeen Fazal



Fermeen Fazal is Vice President, Chief Counsel, and Director of Compliance at Universal Pegasus International (UPI), an engineering, procurement, and construction management firm specializing in pipelines and other projects for the oil and gas industry.

Fermeen is actively involved in the Women's Energy Network and the Association for Corporate Counsel. She has also served on the Board of Directors for the University of Houston Alumni Association, for the last six years, and has been on the Executive Committee of the Board for the last three years. She is also a Board Member and the President Elect of the UH Law Alumni Association Board.

Fermeen came to UPI in 2015 from Gibbs & Bruns, LLP, a boutique litigation firm, where she spent 10 years in an active litigation practice. Previously, she spent 2 years at Locke Lord, a full service international law firm, in their litigation and appellate section. Fermeen began her legal career clerking for a Texas state appellate court and the Texas Supreme Court.

Fermeen graduated magna cum laude from the University of Houston Law Center in 2000. While in law school, she was the Chief Justice of the student-run Honor Court, and the Publishing Editor for the Houston Law Review.

# OCTOBER FEATURED MEMBER

## Robyn Riggins

Hi everyone! I am Robyn Riggins, originally from good old New Jersey. Although I have lived in Texas for over 20 years, I have tried my best to keep my Jersey roots alive. For the last 5 ½ years, I have spent my days with National Oilwell Varco, where I am currently employed as an Inside Sales Representative. My nights and weekends are typically filled with camping, traveling, gatherings with friends, and of course time with my husband Jason and daughter Briley. Our family has 2 kitty cats, Lola and Bernie, and our very own dinosaur (iguana) named Akida. I find myself gravitating towards the arts such as painting and jewelry making. I also have this thing for succulents, as I own more than 30 of them! I have a sincere passion for the ocean, especially dolphins. If I could retire in a tropical place near the beach, I would be one happy woman!

I just recently joined SPWP a few months ago. Of course, I am looking to increase my networking opportunities, but beyond that I really enjoy being involved in planning events and volunteering. SPWP seemed like a great option to achieve those aspirations, while giving me the chance to strengthen and create new friendships.

Thank you for picking me this month and taking a moment of your time to learn about this loud, fun, OCD Jersey girl! Go Giants!!



# SPWP SCOOP

So what is going on with you?



On Saturday, September 30th SPWP made a visit to the Krause Children’s Center to decorate cookies with the girls. It was an uplifting day enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who attended!



Evalyn Shea is a grandma again! Her grandson, Rowan, was born on September 13th (Evalyn’s brother’s birthday!). Mother and son are doing well. Here is Rowan posing on the quilt Evalyn made for him!



Sherry Adams has had a busy September and October, manning the booth for her company (Wabtec/Longwood Elastomers) at the DUG (Developing Unconventional Gas) Midcontinent Conference, September 19-21, in Oklahoma City and the Annual Technology Conference of SPE (Society of Professional Engineers), October 9-11, in San Antonio.

Congratulations to our very own Sylvia Garcia for her Woman of Excellence award. On September 16th, Sylvia , SPWP members, and family attended the FHPW Woman of Excellence Gala, where Sylvia received her award.



Lauren Brooks and her husband Nathan are expecting their first child, a baby girl, in early February. Congratulations!!



# CAREER CORNER

## **10 Things your LinkedIn Profile Should Reveal in the First 10 Seconds**

Some people think of LinkedIn as the Facebook of the workforce. While it definitely has similarities, employers are not searching it to be updated on your social life or to play Candy Crush. They want to learn more about you and your professional experience. Your LinkedIn profile should therefore address the following ten questions in order to satisfy potential employers who are short on time.

### **What is your current position?**

Employers need to know what you do and how you make your living. Spotlight this at the top of your profile, where you can fill in a professional headline. This will catch potential employers' eyes right away.

### **Which job titles suit you?**

It is likely that your areas of expertise stretch beyond your college major or your current workplace. For instance, you may be a software developer who also handles the public relations sector of your business. When you meet someone new and discuss your career what would you say to this new person? That is the job title that suits you. If all else fails, you can list a few titles that would perfectly fit you in your summary.

### **What makes you credible?**

The main area employers look to when wondering how credible you are is your work experience. Fill this section out to the best of your ability. List where you've worked and the titles you held, and provide a cohesive and quantified list of your responsibilities. You can enhance your credibility by showing off the numbers: For example, perhaps you "sold X houses in quarter Y". These numeric values will instantly stand out from the rest of your profile. Another place where employers look for credibility is your recommendations, to be outlined in more detail below.

### **How well do you write?**

One thing that will be immediately obvious to employers is your writing ability. In order to succeed in this world, strong writing skills are vital. The use of noticeable spelling mistakes, run-on sentences, poor grammar, and slang will all result in an instant "no". You will never hear from your dream job if your profile is poorly written.

### **What is your personal brand?**

Job hunting is all about marketing yourself. Personal branding is like a commercial for you, and as with most commercials, a branding statement is usually the driving force. In this statement, you need to make clear what separates you everyone else. Create a tagline that is targeted towards your ideal employer. Other factors that can help you market yourself are logos and stylistic continuity.

### **Do you know your field?**

Brag all you want about your skills, but it will show in your work if you are absolutely clueless. Potential employers want someone who is both comfortable and confident enough in their field to speak about it clearly and concisely on their profile. Your target employer should know exactly what you are talking about, with no ambiguity. Demonstrate your knowledge of the industry in your updates, as well as in the posts you share, the companies you follow, and the media you add.

### **What is your greatest professional accomplishment?**

Perhaps you started your own business, won an award, or helped a company navigate through a tough year. When you make your greatest professional accomplishments clear, it sends a message to employers that you are successful and that you have the drive to persevere through adversity to achieve greatness.

### **How experienced are you with certain tools?**

Your profile should include every tool, program, and system that you know. This can only improve your chances. Even if you only know something at a basic level, include it. Be sure to include metrics for each skill. For instance, "novice", "intermediate", and "advanced" are easy labels to start with.

### **What do others have to say about you?**

Employers will find great value in recommendations and quotes from former managers and coworkers. They cannot ask about you outright unless they intend to hire you, so the next best thing is seeing other people's opinions of you. If you don't have any recommendations, asking around is easy. Go to people you trust, especially in your professional setting, and ask what they value most about you and what they feel you bring to the table on a daily basis. Ask what makes you stand out from everyone else. They'll be happy to let you know.

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### **What do you care about most?**

Whether you believe it or not, LinkedIn is an emotional investment. You have to convey your passions through words and pictures to someone who has never met you before. It is definitely difficult and time-consuming to make your profile appealing. However, as a hardworking professional, writing about your career may flow more easily as you work your way through your profile. If you care about your work in real life, it is likely that this will show through on LinkedIn.

*This information has been adapted from an article by Sarah Landrum, which can be found at <http://www.businessinsider.com/your-linkedin-profile-should-reveal-these-10-things-2017-4?>*

## **SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE**

### **An update from one of our 2017 Scholarship Recipients...**

*Hi, my name is Kelly Duong, and I was one of the SPWP scholarship recipients. I just wanted to thank you again for giving me the opportunity to represent SPWP at Texas A&M! College is definitely different from high school, but I have been really enjoying it so far. I have met so many wonderful people and joined several amazing organizations, including one of the Freshman Leadership Organizations (FLOs). I am in Freshman Leaders on Campus (FLOC), and I am so grateful to have the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful organization. I am also in the Philippine Student Association (PhilSA), which is one of the cultural clubs here at A&M.*

*Unfortunately, my house flooded during hurricane Harvey, so that was super stressful for me and my family. However, I managed to work my way through it, and received a 100% on my first business math test! I hope all is well with everyone, and I will keep you updated with the rest of the year!*

*- Kelly Duong  
Texas A&M University '21  
College Station, TX*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OHH SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT**

Join Oilfield Helping Hands on Friday, October 13th for a day of competition, fun, and camaraderie benefiting the Texas oilfield community. The deadline for team entry is October 11th. Visit <http://www.oilfieldhelpinghands.org/events/houston-fall-sporting-clays-tournament#registration> to register and learn more.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **UPCOMING SPWP SOCIAL EVENTS**

October 17, 2017	Happy Hour at BRIO City Centre (5pm+)
November 9, 2017	Bingo Night in the Heights (Q4 Social)

### **OFFSHORE ENERGY CENTER 2017 FISHING INVITATIONAL**

The Offshore Energy Center's 2017 Fishing Invitational, benefiting the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum, will be held on Friday, October 20th in Galveston Please contact Rhonda Bean at [rbean@oceanstaroec.com](mailto:rbean@oceanstaroec.com) for information.



Quarterly Event Meeting  
 Norris Conference Center  
 October 23, 2017 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

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

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



**October Breakfast Meeting 10/12**

**November Breakfast Meeting 11/09**



The **Society of Professional Women in Petroleum** was formed in early 1981 to support professional career women in the Petroleum Industry, through networking, education, and the distribution of technology and information. SPWP is incorporated as a non-profit organization.

All aspects of drilling and production operations are covered through topical monthly breakfast meetings and industry speakers, and we constantly seek to further expand the knowledge of our members. We also feature professional development speakers and hold roundtable discussions on a rotating basis.

SPWP's membership consists of women who have active careers in the Oil & Gas Industry in fields including Engineering, Geology, Sales, Research, Finance, Law, Quality Assurance, Purchasing, Advertising, and Marketing.

SPWP is dedicated to furthering the careers of women in the Oil & Gas Industry and as part of our mission, we have a merit-based scholarship program that provides financial assistance to female Houston-area high school seniors entering a Texas college. Our annual fundraisers on behalf of this program are made possible through the tremendous support of companies within the industry, as well as through the tireless dedication of our members. Our fundraisers to date have included crawfish boils, barbecues, golf tournaments, and casino nights.



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