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### Chairman's Message

Attendance at the January meeting was the largest in several years, with fifty-five members and guests present. Special guests were Diane Finstrom and the national board of directors, in town for a quarterly meeting. Speaker, John Lopez delivered an excellent talk relating to the aftermath of the BP blowout and its effects on the coastal environment.

*Remember your dues if you have not already responded.*

This month, on February 15, our speaker will be Greg Neely, an independent landman from Baton Rouge, who specializes in research of state and federal agencies, production reports and mineral histories.

Greg will review and discuss the Department of Natural Resources "Sonris" website, which has undergone format changes lately. Sonris has become an invaluable tool to anyone working on oil and gas projects in Louisiana, so it is essential to keep up with any revisions.

On the membership front, our ranks are growing with the confirmation of two new members, Brenda Reilly and Doffie Ross, plus the re-instatement of Al Porretto as an active member. Welcome aboard! Several additional applications are also pending. Keep up the good work; remember you can bring a potential new member to one luncheon at no cost!

On a sad note, on behalf of the SIPES New Orleans membership, I would like to extend to Don and Carol Andrews our sincere condolences on the recent loss of their son, Larry.

*Louis Lemarié*

## February Program: ***"The Latest Developments in the La DNR's SONRIS" with Greg Neely***

**Tuesday, February 15th  
Andrea's Ristorante  
Metairie**

**Social and cocktails 11:30 a.m.  
Seating for luncheon 12 noon**

Greg Neely has been an independent landman for over 25 years with experience in Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and Alabama.

Greg graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1978 with an MBA and a few years thereafter began working as an independent landman in north-west Louisiana and east Texas.

Now living in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Greg has specialized in state and federal agency research for most of his career including research at the office of conservation and the office of mineral resources of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources. he also has extensive experience in researching the records of the Louisiana State Land Office, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the United States Minerals Management Service.

Greg has seen the Office of Conservation transition from the days of researching the physical files of the office of conservation to the now state-of-the-art SONRIS website provided by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources.

You would find it difficult to find a Louisiana landman with more experience than Greg in performing state and federal agency research or preparing production reports and mineral histories.



Shannon Evahs,  
Dick Cleveland and Jim Evans



Donna Balin, Mark Maddox  
and Ken Huffman



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**SIPES National Board of Directors  
Reception and Dinner  
Antoine's Restaurant, Rex Room  
January 17, 2011**



Debbie & Dick Smith and Bill Finley



Eileen Naughton, Larry Finstrom,  
Diane Finstrom (SIPES) and Shannon Evans  
in Rex Room



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January Guest Speaker Dr. John Lopez and  
Program Chairman, R T Cerniglia



Carol St. Germain, Carlo Christina and  
Charley Corona engage in brisk sales effort  
at January SIPES meeting



## January Luncheon Photos

Anthony Catalonotto and Tony Carollo

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