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September 18 - 11:30 am - Andrea's Restaurant

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Chairman's Column

Although I am sure that most of the SIPES New Orleans Chapter membership has enjoyed the summer break, the SIPES Board has been busy taking care of Chapter business during summer months. Your new Board presently consists of **Tony Carollo** as Vice Chairman with **Monte Shalett** assisting, **Reese Pinney** as Treasurer, **Jim Zotkiewicz** as Secretary, and I as Chairman. **Ken Huffman** is Past-Chairman and our current National SIPES Director. **Tom Klekamp** is our new Editor of the Newsletter, and **Dave Broadbridge** has indicated that he will manage our website.

MEMBERS, DUES & LUNCHEONS

Our Chapter is now comprised of a total of 46 members, and everyone should have received the Fall Dues Notice in the mail. Our monthly luncheon meetings will again occur at Andrea's Restaurant, so mark your calendars for these dates: **September 18, October 16, December 18, January 15, February 19, March 18, April 15 and May 20** (dinner meeting). The November meeting will coincide with the annual API Joint Society Luncheon and the exact date will be announced in the near future.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Another important date to remember is May 12-15th 2008, which is when the SIPES National Convention is scheduled to be in New Orleans at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel. **Jeanne Phelps** is our local Convention Chairman even though she has recently re-

located to Houston. In this Newsletter, you will find an Advertising and Sponsorship Order Form for the annual meeting. If you wish to advertise or be a convention sponsor, please fill in the form and return to the SIPES Headquarters in Dallas by December 14, 2007. A high participation rate by the local chapter will surely not go unnoticed. In addition, I know that as the convention date approaches there will be a need for local volunteers to assist in the various convention activities.

BLAST DONATION

Recently, the Board for the first time voted to withdraw \$300 from its Philanthropic Fund and donate it to a very worthy organization called **BLAST** (Building Louisiana Science and Technology). Once again the API Delta Chapter led the charge to attract all the local professional societies including SIPES to contribute mentoring and financial support to the BLAST effort. BLAST is a non-profit organization that brings state-of-the-art science and technology programs to Louisiana students. This year on Saturday, December 1st, student contestants from nine years old and up will participate in competitions by creating energy experiments utilizing their own custom-built robots that must perform energy-related tasks.

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At a recent meeting of the joint societies, a new name was chosen for the local sponsorship group, which is now referred to as PIPE or Petroleum Industry Promoting Education. For its donation, the SIPES-NOC will be listed as a Silver Sponsor with other participants. If any SIPES member is interested in becoming a mentor to a student or group of students, you can get in touch with **Jan Catalano** at ORX Resources (504-680-4426) for further details.

NOMINATIONS DUE

Nominations for the API Meritorious Service Awards are due by the 2nd week of November. Please contact any Board member if you wish to nominate someone from the SIPES-New Orleans Chapter.

See you at the luncheon on Tuesday, September 18th!

Al Baker

Doug Bradford Program

The speaker for the September meeting is **Mr. Doug Bradford** with **Energy and Exploration Solutions**. He will speak on the environmental cleanup of the Eunice Train Derailment that took place Memorial Day 2001 near Eunice, Louisiana where 33 cars derailed. As a result of the derailment, chemicals from cars spilled, some burned and some exploded. A successful major clean up operation was instituted that continued for several years.

Doug Bradford

Doug is a returning member to SIPES. An LSU graduate, he began working for AMOCO in 1967. He became an independent in 1975, generated and sold deals in south Louisiana until 1992 when he joined the Louisiana DEQ. Doug retired from LDEQ in 2005, two weeks before Katrina. He owns and operates Energy & Exploration Solutions, L.L.C.

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SIPES New Orleans Chapter meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month from September through May.

Guests are always welcome reservations for the luncheon must be made through Ed Barry (Reservations) at 504-835-2508 no later than two days before the meeting, for a \$30 charge. We offer a complimentary lunch to prospective members. Please contact Tony Carollo if you are considering joining our Chapter

Ad Rates:

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1/4 page ads \$100

1/2 page ads \$200

Full page ads \$400 for a 3 month run.

Business card ads for non-members are \$50.

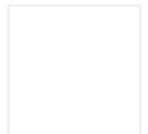
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