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### Future Climate Change and Hydrocarbon Demand

## Jack Thorson

Geologist, Northcoast Oil Company



**Tuesday, January 16th**

**Andrea's - Metairie**

**Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM**

**Lunch and Talk - Noon**

### Chairman's Column

Our December meeting was an enjoyable event, although attendance (32) was slightly less than normal, possibly due to the foggy weather. This month we will have one of our own members, Jack Thorson, as the speaker. Jack has done a great deal of research in preparing this presentation and it will be both interesting and informative and I urge you to attend.

Dues! Both local and national dues are due this month. National dues go to paying the overhead for the Dallas office and other associated costs. Your local dues cover our chapter overhead, but most of it goes toward the cost of our monthly meetings. Over the years, we have had a few complaints about Andrea's (food, service, etc.), which are passed on to the management. The bottom line, however, is that it would be difficult to find another place which would better serve our needs.

If you go to NOGS meetings at the downtown Holiday Inn, for example, for \$30 plus \$3 parking, you get a fair \$8 cafeteria style lunch. For about 1/3rd less we get a sit-down lunch with free parking just outside the door, at a convenient location.

As I write this letter, the Dow Jones Average has just gone through 25,000 and benchmark WTI crude closed above \$60. Hopefully, this is a trend which will continue throughout the year and beyond. The national media treats this as ho hum but can you imagine what they would be saying if this was happening under President Hillary's watch!

*Louis E. Lemarié*

**Jack Thorson** is a geologist with Northcoast Oil Company in Covington, Louisiana. Jack received his geology degree from The University of New Orleans and joined his college professor in the consulting firm of Stephens and Thorson in 1982. In 1991, he formed Northcoast Oil Company where he is active today. Jack is a member of SIPES, NOGS, SGE, SEG and AAPG. He was appointed by Governor Roemer to serve on the Louisiana Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

Jack has researched the contribution of geology to the understanding of global climate change – past, present and future. The possibility of our climate changing to a cooler period could have a huge impact on the demand for oil, and especially natural gas.



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