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Challenges Facing Our Oil and Gas Industry

Rayola Dougher

November 14, 2006 at Royal Sonesta Hotel —11:00 a.m.

From The Chairman: Ken Huffman

I am sitting here on a cool rainy day trying to get something sensible on paper for the newsletter. The rain is much needed and the cool temperatures are helping the prices move back up from their recent declines. The important thing for today is avoiding the tornadoes associated with the front moving in on us.

The various energy associations got together for a meeting in preparation for the November joint luncheon. Ironing out a few aspects needed for the lunch was the primary reason for our meeting. However, the topic of discussion moved to the various philanthropic and services offered by the different groups.

The need for supporting teachers and students with financial and educational material was a concern of every group. Scholarship money and how to get it to deserving candidates, or educational booklets to teachers eager to open the up and expose the opportunities in the energy industry to curious minds was discussed on a broad level.

The Desk and Derrick clubs in our area have a booklet for educators but lack the funding to get the out. This may be an opportunity for our Philanthropic Fund or a special funding to do some good.

The original purpose of this fund was to help out science fair winners defray costs of going on to higher levels of competition. This fund has been underutilized due to our limited contact with such winners.

Some of the associations were open to having a link between each others web sites to allow educators and students to access our information and to gather contact s for our organization.

Once again I find myself in a meeting being amazed at the high level of professionalism and human concern that survives in our industry and community. I guess the twisters in life are not all avoidable but they cannot stop good things from happening.

See you all on November 14th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Royal Sonesta (300 Bourbon Street).

Calender of Meetings:

Dates of the Fall and Spring Luncheon meetings are: 11/14 at the Royal Sonesta (300 Bourbon Street), 12/19 (No Speaker), 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, and May Night Meeting 5/15.

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Annual Greater New Orleans Joint Energy Industry Association Luncheon

**Tuesday
November 14, 2006**

**Rayola Dougher
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CHALLENGES FACING OUR OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

A discussion of the overall U.S. and world energy situations: the factors shaping supply and demand in energy markets, industry investments and earnings, measures to maximize energy security and needed changes in U.S. energy policy.

Rayola Dougher, Manager of Energy Market Issues, is with the American Petroleum Institute's (API), Office of Chief Economist. Ms. Dougher has been with API since 1985 and is author or co-author of numerous economic research studies covering gasoline taxes, energy conservation and competition in retail markets. She is principal spokesperson for API and leads efforts to inform policymakers, the media and the public on energy market issues. She testifies before federal and state legislators, participates in newspaper and radio interviews, and has appeared on NBC's Today Show, NBC Nightly News, ABC World News Tonight, CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, Fox News, the CBS Morning Show, and The News Hour with Jim Lehrer.

Ms. Dougher holds a Bachelor's degree in history and political science from the State University of New York and a Masters degree in economic development and East Asian studies from the American University.

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Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists
Society of Petroleum Engineers - Delta Section
Society of Professional Evaluation Engineers
Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts
Society of Women Engineers
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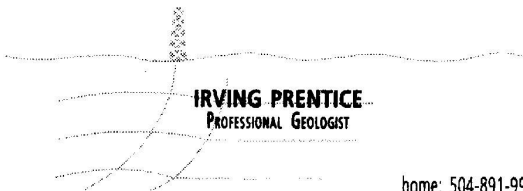
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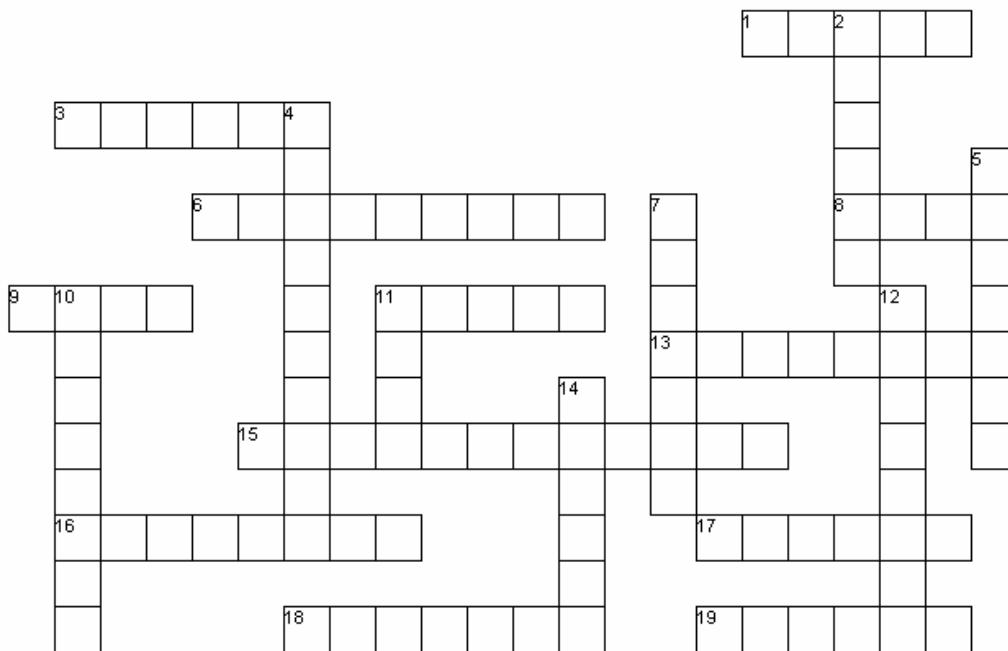
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ACROSS

1. A fossil resin from prehistoric coniferous trees.
3. A metamorphic rock composed essentially of granular calcite or dolomite.
6. A violent storm, characterized by extreme fury and sudden changes of the wind, and generally accompanied by rain, thunder, and lightning.
8. The melted rock ejected by a volcano from its top or fissured sides. It flows out in streams sometimes miles in length. It also issues from fissures in the earth's surface, and forms beds covering many square miles.
9. A mineral or an aggregate of minerals.
11. The accumulation of sediment where a stream empties into a body of quiet water, resulting in a building out of the shore line.
13. In minerals, the tendency to break or split so that smooth plane surfaces are produced
15. The science which treats of the ancient life of the earth, or of fossils which are the remains of such life.
16. An imaginary line connecting points of equal temperature
17. Rock features reflecting the environment in which the rock was formed.
18. A naturally occurring, homogeneous, inorganic, crystalline substance.
19. Coarse-grained imperfectly foliated feldspathic metamorphic rock.

DOWN

2. A fine-grained black to medium-gray igneous rock with a high percentage of ferromagnesian minerals. Common in lava flows.
4. A group of elastic waves in the solid earth, generated by a disturbance of the elastic equilibrium, which causes rocks to break or slip along preformed fractures.
5. A group of silicate minerals used as gems and abrasives
7. That part of inclined strata which appears at the surface; basset.
10. A kind of glass produced by volcanoes. It is usually of a black color, and opaque, except in thin splinters.
11. Hillock of wind-blown sand
12. The resistance of minerals and rocks to abrasion or scratching.
14. The remains of an animal or plant found in stratified rocks. Most belong to extinct species, but many of the later ones belong to species still living.

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