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## AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE - DELTA CHAPTER

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### Upcoming Events

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#### **GNOSEF**

- February 26-28; March 1
- Tulane University Lavin-Bernick Center

#### **SPE Luncheon**

- February 6
- Holiday Inn
- High-Pressure/High-Temperature Completion Qualification (Offshore Gulf of Mexico)
- BSEE Presentation

### **API-Delta Chapter Scholarship Donation Request**

The API Delta Chapter announces the initiation of a dedicated scholarship fund for the 2018 budget year (tentatively to be continued in future years). Over the last five years the Delta Chapter has given out almost \$100,000 in scholarship funds for college students pursuing STEM degrees. Due to current budget pressures (largely associated with the industry downturn in South Louisiana) future scholarship support at this level by the API Delta Chapter is in jeopardy.

**Corporate sponsors** - Please consider a direct donation to this fund - in particular, we are soliciting corporate support. Repeat corporate donors will receive special recognition in the future.

**Individual donations** - Even smaller individual amount of \$25, \$50, etc. will help!

**As a non-profit 501c3 organization, your donation is tax deductible.**

[Click This Link to Donate](#) or visit [www.api-delta.org](http://www.api-delta.org).

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Paul K. Wieg  
API-Delta Chairman

## **A Letter from the Chairman**

Wow – it's hard to believe another year is gone, seemingly with the blink of an eye. As we begin the new year, it's worth taking a look back at the API Delta Chapter's last year and all of the contributions that have been made by members. Our main fund raising events, the Clay Shoot and the Golf Tournament, were led by Barney Paternostro and Travis Raiford respectively, along with the assistance of many others. Both of these events require much organizational skill and time commitment, and the contributions of all of those involved are greatly appreciated.

As with fundraising, organizing our charitable activities also take a great deal of effort. The Teacher of the Year awards this year, as with previous years, were expertly orchestrated by Jean May-Brett, who not only presented candidates for the award to the API Board, but also interfaced with representative area schools to find teachers worthy of acknowledgement. Audrey White put in countless hours with our scholarship program, helping to find and score candidates and managing distribution of scholarship funds (all accomplished from a neighboring state, no less!). Tessa Wiggins, Michael Johnson, Meagan Kohls and Travis Raiford scored the Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering fair on behalf of the Delta Chapter this year.

Keeping the regular business of the Chapter going is a bit of a grind – but we had a lot of help throughout 2017. Meagan Kohls did a great job tending to all the details necessary to undertake our successful luncheons this year, and was always there to fill in with Chapter business when needed. Jake Carpenter did a great job on membership, and Michael Johnson took accurate notes at board meetings. Special thanks also to Doug Tymkiw who managed our budget and made payments for the Chapter as necessary, and to Ben Gary for helping on various committees. Finally, Charlie Miller was diligent (behind the scenes) in keeping our website evergreen and Sarah Chance did a beautiful job editing and publishing our newsletters for us.

We have one last initiative I'd like to discuss – raising money for next year's scholarship fund. Over the last five years the Delta Chapter has given out almost \$100,000 in scholarship funds for college students pursuing STEM degrees, but due to budget constraints within the Chapter (which we largely attribute to the industry downturn in South Louisiana) future scholarship support at this level by the API Delta Chapter is in jeopardy. So, we are initiating a dedicated scholarship fund for the 2018 budget year and beyond. Funds can be donated via our website. For those who can, please consider asking your company to donate, or consider giving directly yourself. The API Delta Chapter is a 501c3 organization, so any donations are tax deductible.

It has been a pleasure this year to serve as the Chapter Chairman and for me this will be a memorable experience. Although our industry is struggling to make its way through recovery for yet another year, the coming period will no doubt prove to be better for the petroleum industry in south Louisiana - and as a result for the API Delta Chapter - and we look forward the able leadership of the Chapter's 2018 Chairman, Ben Gary. Meantime, I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season, and wish you all the best for the coming year.

Regards,

Paul Wieg

API—Delta Chairman

## GNOSEF



### Dates:

February 27-28, 2018

### Location:

Tulane University Lavin-Bernick Center at 29 McAlister Drive

### Open To:

6th-12th grade students in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes.

Complimentary parking will be provided by **Loyola University**.



## Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair (GNOSEF)

The Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair (GNOSEF) is moving this year to **Tulane University** with **2 judging dates** on **Tuesday, February 27th (Junior Division)** and **Wednesday, February 28th (Senior Division), 2018**, and we are in need of judges!

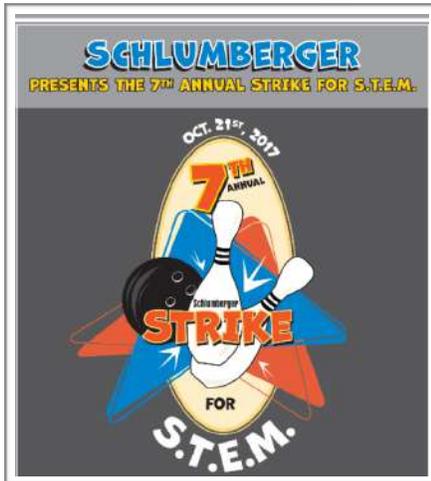
Category judging will take place on both days from 8am-noon (including check-in and deliberation), and separate Grand Award judging will follow right after lunch, which is being provided. **Please consider judging for us on either or both of these dates.** And if you are not available in the morning, please consider judging for the Grand Award winners from the top two projects in each category.

**If you can volunteer as a judge, please sign up at <http://gnosef.tulane.edu/judgeform.cfm>.** You will be asked to identify the date(s) you are available and the categories in which you have expertise. You will also have an opportunity to indicate if you are interested in volunteering to judge at local school fairs that occur in December and January. If you are not available to judge at the GNOSEF, but would like to **volunteer in another capacity over the course of the 4-day event - February 26th-March 1st, 2018**, please go to <http://gnosef.tulane.edu/volunteerform.cfm> for information about other volunteer positions including safety judging in the afternoons of February 26th and 27th.

We thank you for your participation in this worthwhile mission! Not only is your participation needed to identify the best students to award and advance to the next level of competition, it is also needed to encourage all of the students in their efforts to pursue science and engineering. For some students this may be the first time that they have actually had a chance to meet and talk with a STEM professional! Please pass on to your colleagues that may be interested in judging! Thank you!

Dr. Michelle Sanchez, GNOSEF Fair Director  
 Dr. Annette Oertling, Fair Director  
 Dr. Nancy Hopkins, Judge Advisor

## RECAP



# Core Element's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser "Strike for STEM"

Presented by Schlumberger Scores BIG!

On Saturday, October 21, 2017, Schlumberger sponsored Core Element's 7th Annual Fundraiser, Strike for STEM at Mid-City Lanes Rock N' Bowl. The event brought together professionals in education, technology and business for a fun night of bowling, music, food and competition. Core Element is a non-profit organization (501 (C) 3) dedicated to promoting quality teaching in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) in Southeast Louisiana.

The highlight of the fundraiser was the bowling competition. 18 lanes of sponsors competed for the coveted Strike for STEM trophy. The winners this year was the team from MS Benbow & Associates with an average score of 120. API has been a sponsor of the fundraiser since the inaugural event.

Before the bowling competition, K-12 teachers from 10 different schools gathered for a focus group. Core Element hosts this focus group every year to gain valuable information regarding resources and training the K-12 STEM teachers need to offer hands-on, interactive instruction and activities for the classroom.

This year Core Element included a silent auction. There were 230 attendees and over \$25,000 was raised to support K-12 STEM education in South Louisiana. Thanks to API for your continued support of our K-12 teachers and students.

To learn more about Core Element's programs and mission, go to [www.core4kids.org](http://www.core4kids.org) or email [jan.brenan@core4kids.org](mailto:jan.brenan@core4kids.org).

# 2017 API Golf Tournament Recap

Fun was had by all during this year's Golf Tournament. Congratulations to all of the winners, and thanks to everyone who sponsored and came out to join us!



## API Delta is on Social Media!

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<https://www.facebook.com/apideltachapter/>



<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12051312>



<https://twitter.com/APIDeltaChapter>

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## Membership

API-Delta Chapter's 1-year membership renews in January of each year. The cost of this membership is \$50 per year or \$95 for a 2-year commitment. With less than 100 paid members in our database of over 1,000 people, we are asking that our fellow industry professionals consider API's place as a non-profit professional organization involved in all aspects of the petroleum industry. Our objective is to positively and actively promote education through volunteerism, philanthropy, and community outreach. We take a special interest in educating the public in fields of study relating to Oil & Gas. Our chapter hosts three annual multi-organizational luncheons, which facilitate the sharing of knowledge, growth, and support among members of our industry in the community, but funds are not raised at these meetings. Our chapter simply tries to be the leader in organizing and hosting these events with a breakeven balance. Throughout the year, we rely on our members to donate their time, talents, and resources to the many causes you will read about in this newsletter. Without our paid members, we cannot feasibly go forward with supporting our area's teacher, student, and energy-related events. The board has taken careful consideration in every aspect of our budget, making cuts to each supported program. Please log on to API-Delta's website today and become a paid member, and please invite your peers to join us.