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The API-Delta is proud to join forces again with PLANO to coordinate the 11th Annual GNO Joint Industry Association Luncheon which will be held Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. This year the event will be hosted by 18 industry associations.

The keynote speaker this year is Mr. Mark Singletary. Mr. Singletary is the Editor and Publisher of the New Orleans Publishing Group. He has been in the newspaper business for over thirty years and presently is responsible for the *CityBusiness* and the Daily Journal of Commerce. They also produce specialty publications for industry, the arts and service organizations. Mr. Singletary is the group manager for all Dolan Media Company publications, located in eight markets. He is a member of the YMCA and serves on numerous boards.



Mark Singletary

In addition to Mr. Singletary, Mr. George Wentz will be present to give us an update on Horizon Initiative. Mr. Wentz, a local attorney with the Davillier Law Group, is the Co-founder and Chairman of the Horizon Initiative. He has over twenty five years of service and has extensive knowledge in law and economic analysis. The Horizon Initiative is a non-profit organization that was started over a year ago and dedicated to formulating and implementing a long term strategy for New Orleans based on best practices nationwide.

Both individuals are well known in the New Orleans area and in their fields. Please make reservations early for these informative presentations from two very knowledgeable people.



George Wentz

**Tuesday,
November 18,
2008**

**11th Annual GNO
Joint Industry
Association Lunch**

**The RECOVERY vs
NORMALCY OF
New Orleans AND
ITS CHALLENGES**

**Keynote:
Mark Singletary
Editor and Publisher
CityBusiness
The New Orleans Publishing
Group**

**George Wentz,
Co-founder and Chairman,
Horizon Initiative**

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From The Chair



fam-i-ly (*Per Webster dictionary*)....a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation...This

past year, I have seen individual petroleum industry societies unite together like never before. Volunteers from every spectrum of the industry have pooled their efforts together as a unit, a family, to promote the industry and energy education. It is extremely impressive to have all societies working side by side and for a common goal!

With this unity in mind, I invite everyone to attend the annual Joint Industry Luncheon which will be held Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. This year, I am happy to say, the event is sponsored by 18 industrial associations. We are fortunate to have Mr. Mark Singletary, publisher of City Business, as our guest speaker and Mr. George Wentz to give an update on Horizon Initiative. Please register early to reserve your spot for this great event.

API's annual golf tournament was recently held at Covington Country Club. I'd like to recognize Steve Freeman and his entire golf committee on hosting such a fabulous function. Appreciation also goes to our hole sponsors, corporate sponsors, food sponsors, door prize sponsors and participants for making this such a success. Proceeds from the event go toward the Louisiana Children's Museum and to the support of energy education, scholarships and teacher excellence throughout the area.

Recently, the board of directors voted to continue to support FIRST and FIRST Lego League robotic competitions. These events provide students the opportunity to participate in cutting edge science and technology learning experiences. In addition, API will sponsor a scholarship to an individual participating in FIRST and pursuing a career in the oil industry. A \$5000 donation to Horizon Initiative was approved toward their effort to keep the industry strong and in New Orleans. In August, API-Delta donated \$25,000 to St. Bernard Parish Public Schools for their rebuilding of freshman science labs.

Also in August, API-Delta and other societies under the umbrella name of PIPE sponsored the Louisiana Children's Museum FETCH Saturday relating to Oil and Energy. This was an amazing event whereby society volunteers interacted with children of all ages and their parents. Societies provided demonstrations, lectures and experiments pertaining to various aspects of the industry. Over 675 visitors saw first hand the many jobs relating to the industry and the importance of the petroleum industry to the community. A good time was had by all – both attendees and volunteers. Please peruse the pictures of the event on the web and in the newsletter. The pictures are worth a thousand words. Thanks to all that participated – the unity was awesome!

It is because of you that we are able to give back to the community. Please make plans early to attend the joint industry luncheon. Thanks for all the support you give throughout the year — volunteering, attending, being. In closing, remember - *We are Fam-i-ly.*

*Jan Catalano
Chairman- API Delta Chapter*

2008 GNOSEF

The Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair was held on March 15th at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. API judged the Senior Division of the Energy Category. The winners, their teachers, and schools were recognized and presented awards on March 17th.

The Distinguished Project Award went to Nathan Melancon for “How Do Solar Cells and PEM Hydrogen Fuel Cells Work Compared with Running and Not Running Electrical Device?” Nathan received \$100 along with his teacher Cathy Boucvalt. A donation of \$200 was made to John Curtis Christian School.

The Honorable Mention Award went to MiMi Pham for “Don't Steal My Sunshine!” MiMi received \$50 along with his teacher Cathy Boucvalt. A donation of \$100 was made to John Curtis Christian School.

Congratulations to the winners!!

Meet Your Board of Directors – 2008 Advisory Board

Continuing your introduction to the API-Delta Chapter board of directors, this issue shall highlight the advisory board. Each of these members take a very active role in all of the events and decisions of the organization. Many serve on multiple committees and are very giving of their time and effort for API-Delta.



James Coronato – James has been in the southern Louisiana oilfield since 1980 in operations and sales. He spent 24 years in gas lift and well optimization before joining Nitrogen Speciality,

now CETCO Oilfield Services of New Orleans. James became an official board member in 2007. Prior to that he was a volunteer and avid supporter of both the Golf Event and Sporting Clays Tournament. Today, he continues to serve as a committee member for both tournaments. James is also a member of SPE and helps with their fund raising events, as well.



John R. Dribus – John is Global Geology and Geophysics Curriculum Director and Principal Geologist for

Schlumberger Oilfield Services. By discipline, John is a uranium and petroleum geologist. At the core, John is “driven by the quest for knowledge, enjoys working with and leading others to learn and be effective in what they do”. These sentiments are exemplified in John’s API board position. A great lecturer and teacher, John devotes his time to promoting energy education at API sponsored events like FETCH, career day and class room presentations. John started serving on the board in 2005 as newsletter editor. In 2009, John will be stepping up to one of the vice chair positions. He is also an active member of AAPG, NOGS, SPWLA, SPE, SEPM, ASTD, the AAPG Public Outreach Committee, and Chairman of the AAPG Imperial Barrel Award Judging Committee.



Holly Fonseca – Holly is the supreme services Account Manager for CETCO Oilfield Services Company and has been an API board member since 2005. At that time,

Holly worked with the golf tournament committee and then served as the golf committee chair. No longer the chair, she continues to help with the API golf committee and other serves other organizations by helping with their golf tournament registration, as well. Holly also

helps with meeting registration at general meetings.



Dave Mount – Dave is President of OneSource Professional Search, LLC. He is the newest member on the board of directors, starting just this year. For several years Dave has helped with the API-Delta clay tournament and golf tournament events. Once again, this year, he is very involved with the golf tournament committee and is serving as their treasurer. Dave is also a member of SPE, SEG, and NOGS. Please join me in welcoming Dave to the board.

All of these committee members give freely of themselves to help the chapter and the community. Their time and effort is very much appreciated. Recognition is also given to their management:

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2008 Golf Committee Thanks

The API Golf Committee would like to thank everyone involved in helping to make the 2008 API Delta Chapter Golf Tournament held on September 26th at Covington Country Club a great success!

We were able to raise over \$33,000 dollars which will be used by the Education Committee for education grants, scholarships, the Louisiana Children's Museum, and the other great opportunities to promote education and the Petroleum Industry. We could not have achieved this goal without the contributions from all of our golf teams, corporate sponsors, hole sponsors, food and beverage sponsors, volunteers, and board members; thank you all very much!

Together, our teamwork has enabled us to develop the API Delta Chapter Golf Tournament into an event we can all be proud of and one so many of us want to be a part of. Thanks once again for your generosity and participation in this worthy event.

See you all at next years 2009 API Delta Chapter Golf Tournament!

*2008 API Golf Chairman,
Steve Freeman*



2008 API Golf Tournament Committee

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2008 API Blind Bogey Golf Tournament Winners

| MORNING ROUND | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1st Place Gross | 2nd Place Gross |
| Chad Quick | Telly Burquoui |
| Steve Ulm | Wade Pitre |
| Mike Durham | Jason Becnel |
| Scott Boudreaux | Danny Pounds |
| 1st Place Net | 2nd Place Net |
| Phillip Hodge | Greg McCormick |
| John Johnson | Louis Boutte |
| Jerrold Zilton | Steve Freeman |
| Ray Landeche | Marcel Tullier |
| AFTERNOON ROUND | |
| 1st Place Gross | 2nd Place Gross |
| Chad Lafleur | Al Trevino |
| Jimmy Mazar | Ted Ralph |
| Travis Cantrelle | Jimmy Parvino |
| Travis Petrie | Kerry Redman |
| 1st Place Net | 2nd Place Net |
| Charlie Hickman | Kerry Laplace |
| Jon Garrett | Dave Loeb |
| Bill Haws | Steve White |
| Pete Kelly | Drew Laplace |
| MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WINNERS | |
| Sky Caddie | Bill Schaefer |
| \$100 (DiamondBack Completions) | Bob Guin |
| \$100 (DiamondBack Completions) | Eric PattArozzi |

API Delta Chapter provides \$25,000 to St. Bernard Parish Schools

It was our pleasure to attend the St. Bernard Parish School Board meeting in August and present them with \$25,000 to fully supply 3 new freshmen science labs. The school board members directed us to convey their great appreciation to our other board members, our tireless volunteers, and our entire industry membership. According to Beverly Lawrason, assistant superintendent, "finally, after 3 years of reconstruction, the 2008 school year is off to a much more normal beginning". I am sure that we are all grateful that Hurricanes Gustav and Ike did not disrupt their hard work and personal sacrifices.

On a personal note, it is always inspiring to see people help themselves and their community overcome great adversity. However, it was especially inspiring that evening to hear at their meeting that the St. Bernard Parish School Board was raising money to help the Iowa flood victims. After having lost so much and worked so hard, they still recognized the needs of others and emphasized helping those recently devastated by another natural disaster. It was a great moment for us. It confirmed that our efforts were directed to a worthy group and a worthy cause.

The API Delta Chapter was established over 25 years ago to help our local industry and community in any practical way we can. Our primary goal is to support education efforts in the metropolitan area since they are key to the area's long term health and success.



Presentation of \$25,000 donation to St. Bernard Schools

Letter from Beverly Lawrason of the St. Bernard Parish School system:

“Having shared the anxiety of rebuilding a home over the last three years with too many families from the area, I can easily say that we each know what the other is going through. However, not too many of us have had to rebuild an entire school system from the ground up – but that is what we are doing in St. Bernard. Every one of the St. Bernard Parish Public School’s 15 schools was heavily damaged or destroyed by Katrina’s floodwaters, and everything had to be replaced. So, after you get the building built, or repaired, what comes next? The textbooks, the football uniforms, the blocks for the preschoolers, or maybe the furniture...but, then, what about test tubes for science labs, band instruments, and computers? To say that we lost in excess of \$54 million dollars in just contents alone would probably be an understatement because we could only recount for FEMA what principals and teachers could remember to put on their “contents list” at a time when they were still in personal and professional shock.

Then the realization hit in a different way. We had an opportunity to rebuild a public school district from the ground up!

We could choose to build buildings and equip classrooms with the latest and most tested technology and instructional methodology. Of course some of the costs of our new schools would have to be borne by the district, as FEMA will only return us to pre-Katrina conditions. So the challenge began. Now that we have the chance to do it right, our focus became, and remains, ensuring that our teachers and students will be on the cutting edge of what works best when it comes to teaching and learning.

Much of what we are doing now could not be done without the generosity of our partners within the community. Thanks to grants from API and Exxon-Mobil, in particular, students in math and science classes are now focused not only on learning the basics but also on how those fundamental math and science concepts are applied in new learning situations. Opportunities to experience math and science “hands-on” are now in every classroom through Promethian Activeboards, a minimum of 5 computers, probes, CBLs, graphing calculators, lab equipment, scales, balances, virtual lab software, and boxes and boxes of

manipulatives, or materials for students to complete experiments and activities first-hand.

There is a pyramid that teachers often use to determine learning. It begins with the step that children retain only about 10% of what they hear, moving next to what they read, what they see, etc. And it moves on up the pyramid to children retaining about 90% of what they have the opportunity to do or experience first hand. API has given us the chance to provide our freshmen science students with the opportunity to “do” and that means better science students in the long-run. This is just a start in our new journey to build a pre-engineering curriculum and career academy within our high school – the only high school reopened to serve our reduced population. API has literally invested in its future members with their investment in our school system. And for that, our teachers, students, and community remain very grateful.”

*Beverly C. Lawrason
Assistant Superintendent*

API August Technical Luncheon

The API Technical Luncheon was held on August 19th at the Le Pavillon Hotel. Guest speaker, Mr. Allen Brooks, spoke on “Dynamics of the Energy Market – Up, Down or Sideways”, which was timely since we’ve seen the highest oil prices ever over the last year at \$140 per barrel and presently near the \$100 range. Mr. Brooks is Managing Director of Parks Paton Hoepfl & Brown of Houston and has been involved with or followed the oil field since 1971. The discussion covered the effects of politics, supply and demand, and fuel alternatives on product prices and addressed the challenges the oil industry faces here and around the world. To read more from Mr. Brooks,

go to www.offshoresource.com for his “Musing from the Oil Patch” newsletter.

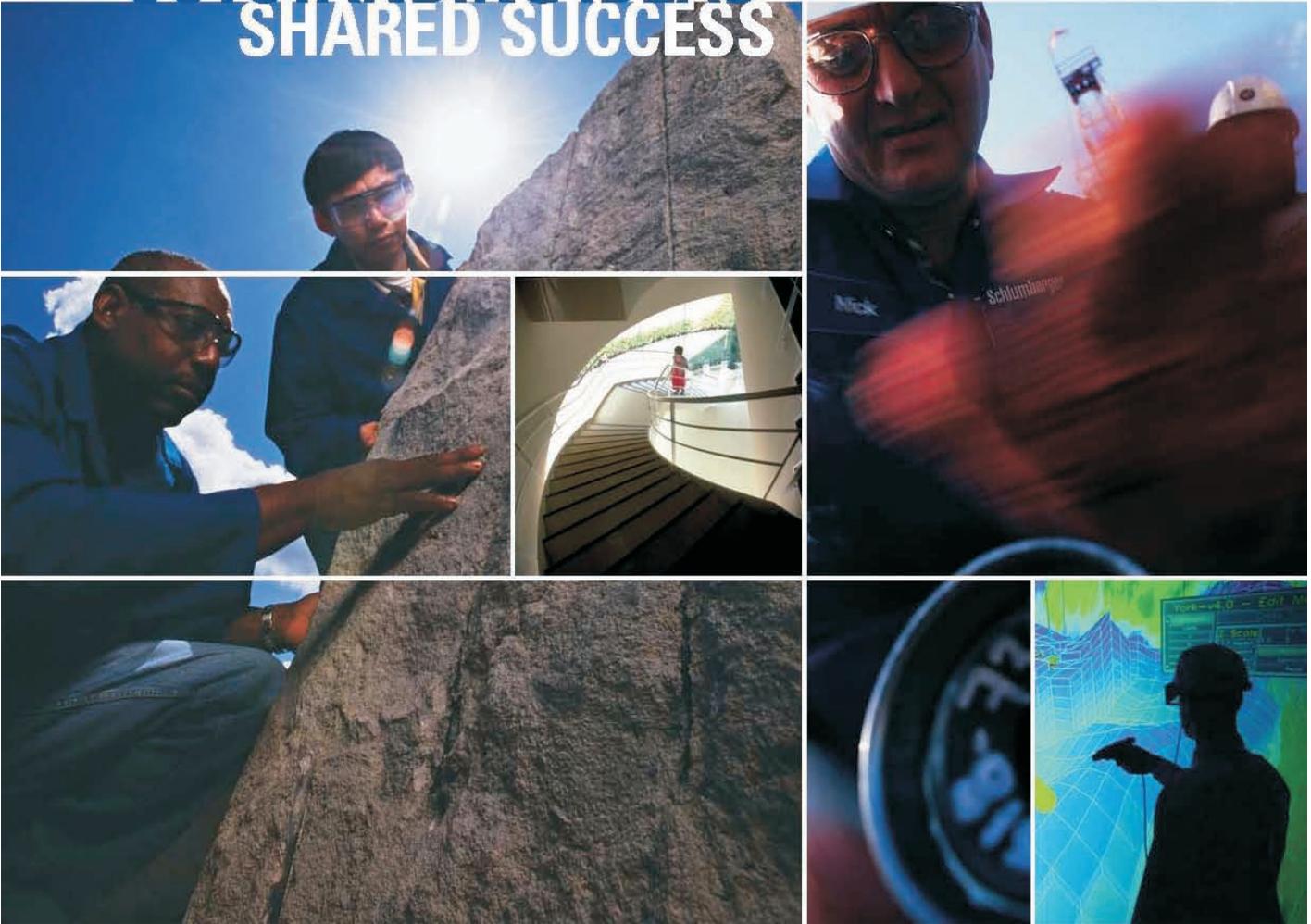
API-Delta board members also took this opportunity to recognize Cathy Vaughn for her 25 years of service to the API-Delta board. Cathy was awarded a certificate to commemorate her dedication and participation

Representatives of the Carville Job Corps Academy (CJCA) briefly discussed the U.S. government facility near Baton Rouge which provides vocational training, including an API roustabout training program (150 hours) that offers OSHA certification. CJCA is the only job corps center in

the country to offer this program. If you know 16-24 year olds who might be interested or you need entry level workers with such training, visit the website at www.carville.jobcorps.gov. John Taylor III is the instructor. He and retired General Richard Averitt attended the meeting and answered questions about the program. Phone: (225) 642-0699.

API Delta Chapter thanks its members and guests for braving the storm and coming to the luncheon. Your support is important to us. If you have suggestions for speakers or topics, please contact Barbara Edmonds at 504-799-1906.

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Joint Industry Meeting Trivia

The joint industry luncheon meeting, or at least the concept, was started in 1997 under the API-Delta presidency of Andrew Thomas. After writing my first newsletter this year, I had the pleasure of being contacted by Andrew who just happened to check out our website. He let me know how the joint industry luncheon got started. I thought it would be nice to share the history.

Due to the decreasing size of the oil and gas business in New Orleans in 1997, and the workforce reduction, the API-Delta board decided to investigate ways to maintain the chapter and meeting attendance. In light of this problem, Jim Rike and Andrew Thomas felt the API Delta chapter needed to rethink its role among the oil and gas societies. Jim organized some meetings with local industry executives to discuss

what the oil and gas industry wanted from the trade associations. The results of these discussions are what form the chapter objectives and direction today.

Some concepts out of these discussions were the joint industry meeting, joint conference of the meritorious service award by the entire industry, and opening board membership to individuals outside the traditional industry professions. Regarding the joint industry meeting, in 1998 and initial joint meeting was held with IADC. In years to follow, SPE and SIPES joined the ranks. Finally, in 2000, as a result of the pursuance of Bart Walker and Ben Waring to carry out these early concepts, industry societies pooled together to hold the largest attended oil and gas luncheon in the New Orleans area attracting over 500 attendees.

This year's luncheon is the 11th annual joint industry luncheon. While some organizations are no longer with us, like the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers, we are pleased to have 18 industry societies sponsor the event. Please register early either at

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Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts
Society of Women Engineers
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PIPE Sponsors the Louisiana Children's Museum's Fetch Saturday - Oil and Energy!

Once again petroleum industry societies pooled their efforts to educate the community on various aspects of the petroleum industry, its jobs, the importance of the industry and its products in everyday living. Under the umbrella name of PIPE (Petroleum Industry Promoting Education) energy industry societies sponsored the Louisiana Children's Museum's (LCM) FETCH Oil and Energy Saturday on August 16, 2008. Over 690 visitors participated in the event. Children of all ages found the demonstrations and lectures interesting.



Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts (SPWLA) displayed drilling bit replicas and crude samples. SGS provided the oscilloscope for visitors to hear "sounds through the ground".

Also joining in PIPE participation were the ladies from The Society of Women Engineers (SWE). They provided lectures on "Are you ready to be an engineer?" and various engineering opportunities. They also had an interactive toothpick and jellybean exhibit demonstrating engineering construction concepts.



John Dribus of Schlumberger provided a close look and explanation of various minerals. He explained their use in everyday life and demonstrated the Moh's hardness scale.

Jahnette DeBlanc provided true to scale models of One Shell Square and Shell's Cognac offshore platform. This provided a visual realization as to the size of the offshore structures utilized throughout the industry.

Organizations provided exhibits about the industry and how their particular discipline relates to oil and gas production. Children of all ages learned about the many every day products that are a result of the petroleum industry. In addition, societies provided lectures, demonstrations and games to help introduce people to the various aspects of the petroleum industry.

Society of Petroleum Engineers – Delta Section (SPE) provided demonstrations on source rock, porosity, permeability and drive mechanisms. Desk and Derrick (D&D) featured their Petro Molly Activity Book and provided a coloring station for children to "color the world of energy."

In addition, representatives of BLAST (Building Louisiana Science and Technology) were present demonstrating last years energy themed Lego robotic competition. The winning junior team, which consisted of two nine year old and two seven year old girls, was present to display their winning project which represented the oil industry.

The Delta Chapter of American Petroleum Institute (API) and OCSBBS provided educational materials for parents and teachers that are used in every day life. Peggy Bougeois of HClA showed some of the products that we use everyday and explained how the products are made as a result of the petroleum industry.



NOGS and its many volunteers manned the oil finder game, the dinosaur exhibit and the sand box dig. They also showed a map displaying the Tapestry of Time and Terrain. David Reitler of the

Many thanks to the societies and volunteers that helped make this event a great success. It was wonderful to have all sectors of the petroleum industry pooling their efforts to promote energy education. Both volunteers and visitors had a great time!

For more pictures and info see api-delta.org/pipe.asp



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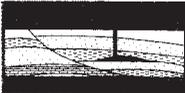
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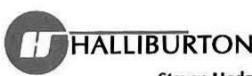


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