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## 2009 Technical Luncheon – August 18th Presented by API - Delta Chapter and SPE - Delta Section

### Natural Gas: Enabling its Energy Future

11:00 a.m. Networking – 11:30 a.m. Luncheon

**Le Pavillon Hotel - 833 Poydras Street - New Orleans, LA**

**Webcast to the Northshore @ Chevron  
100 Northpark Blvd. - Covington, LA**

This year's event will be jointly hosted by API Delta Chapter and SPE Delta Section at the Le Pavillon Hotel on August 18th with a webcast to Chevron's office on the north shore.

Our speaker will be Dr. Xiuli Wang who is Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of XGAS. Previously Dr. Wang was a petroleum engineer with BP in



Houston, functioning as a completion engineer with worldwide responsibilities. She is a specialist on natural gas problems, covering the spectrum from upstream to midstream and downstream. Dr. Wang holds a PhD in Chemical Engineering from the University of Houston and an MSc from Tsinghua University, Beijing, China. In

2007, Dr. Wang was named the US 2007 Asian American Engineer of the Year.

The past few years have been eventful in the world of energy to say the least. The international price of natural gas zoomed as high as \$25 per Mscf (in parity with oil in Japan), but has languished since, dropping at times below \$4. Some have theorized that it may drop even lower in the United States.

These price gyrations affect all aspects of the natural gas world including the import of liquefied natural gas (LNG), the potential effects on recently emerging compressed natural gas (CNG), the desirability of arctic pipelines, conventional and, especially unconventional production such as shale gas and coal bed methane (CBM). How does the much promoted wind energy affect natural gas demand and future use? What is the future of GTL?

This presentation outlines the current natural gas supply and prospects of both the world and the US, and emphasizes critical and enabling technologies that would facilitate the transition towards natural gas becoming the premier fuel of the world economy. Please plan to attend and register EARLY!

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As we reach the mid-year mark for 2009, the Delta Chapter has been working very hard for our industry and local community. We have accomplished much already but also have much planned for the rest of the year.



First, many thanks to our volunteers, sponsors, shooters, and board members who made the 5th Annual Family Sporting Clay Tournament another great success. The weather was perfect and the food, fun and fellowship could not be beaten. We rewarded those who could attend at our 3rd annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in mid May.

In June Delta Chapter sponsored 20 Louisiana girls (entering grades 8-11) to attend an "Energy and the Environment" leadership project at Nicholls State University. The program prepares

girls by mentoring them with experienced women to develop future leaders. Additionally, API, SPE and others joined efforts to support teachers who completed the NACE Science and Technology camp held at UNO. Gift cards worth \$500 were handed out to each teacher who successfully completed the program. These cards can only be used to purchase related equipment for use in their classrooms.

Mark your calendars for July 25th, August 18th, and November 10th. In late July, our local industry societies will again join forces and support the Louisiana Children's Museum in this year's FETCH Energy program. Consider joining our volunteers and/or bringing your kids to learn more about energy. In August, Dr. Xiuli Wang, a specialist on natural gas issues and problems, will speak at a joint API and SPE technical luncheon. In November, Dr. Michael Economides, Professor at the University of Houston, will speak at our annual

Joint Society Luncheon. Dr. Economides is an expert on energy geopolitics and has been highly published on a wide range of energy issues. He has written several books, including the 2000 best seller, *The Color of Oil*, and has new books coming out on Russian and China. Register early for this one.

As you can see, we have been busy. We also awarded 22 scholarships to local youth nominated by you. I am very proud of the efforts of this year's board. It has truly been a team effort and I am amazed to see how this 2009 program is progressing.

Finally, mark your calendars for our September 18<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament. We need your continuing support to fund our efforts.

*Sincerely,  
Ken Meyers  
2009 Chairman*

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Dear Petroleum Industry Friend:

The Delta Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute (API) is conducting its annual Golf Tournament on **Friday, September 18, 2009**, at the **Covington Country Club**. The Tournament will be limited to the first 224 golfers (112 each in the morning and afternoon). Please complete the attached entry form and return it as soon as possible.

This event is one of the main membership drives and fund-raising functions for the Chapter. Proceeds from the tournament are used to support various Delta Chapter activities and programs. Through your generosity and participation our Chapter has contributed over \$250,000 toward these programs since 1971.

Delta Chapter provides ongoing support and funding for the following programs:

- The Louisiana Children's Museum where API Delta sponsors the Energy Exhibit.
- The Teacher Excellence Awards program which recognizes outstanding educators in the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan Area. Our program focuses on energy education with emphasis in careers in the petroleum industry.
- Mini Grants program to teachers, designed to help fund the purchase of supplies and teaching equipment. This program was put into place to accommodate special needs arising from the hurricane disaster.
- The Energy projects division of the Greater New Orleans Science & Engineering Fair was started by our Chapter. Monetary awards recognize students with winning science projects in the energy category, along with their teachers and schools.
- The annual Meritorious Service Award which recognizes local individuals for their outstanding service and leadership in the oil and gas industry and community service.
- Scholarships (\$20,000 in 2009) for local high school graduates and college students supporting industry related degrees.

We look forward to seeing you at this years Golf Tournament and thank you in advance for your generous support.

Click on [www.api-delta.org](http://www.api-delta.org) for tournament information.

Sincerely,

*Steve Freeman*  
2009 Golf Tournament Chairman



API Delta Chapter
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## API DELTA CHAPTER 2009 GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009 - COVINGTON COUNTRY CLUB**

\$740.00 PER TEAM - **4 Man Scramble** Price Includes: Cart & Green Fees, 2 Mulligans per golfer, 2009-2010 API Membership, Door Prizes, Team Awards, Tournament Gift, Food and Drink for All

NOTE: 28 TEAMS PER ROUND; NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE MADE UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED IN FULL.

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COMPANY:			
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**TEAM PLAYERS: (Please complete in full- Needed for Free API membership)**

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PREFERRED TEE TIME: \_\_\_\_ 7:00 am \_\_\_\_ 1:00 pm

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*API Delta Chapter  
2009 Golf Tournament  
September 18, 2009*

**CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM**

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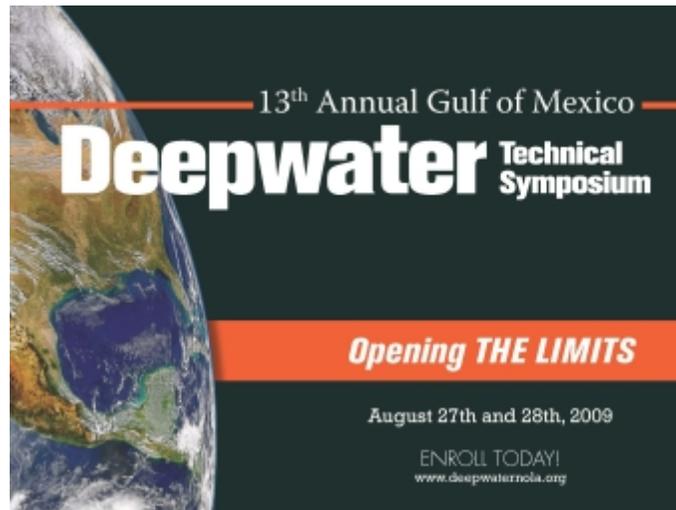
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# 5th Annual Father-Son & Family Sporting Clay Tournament, April 25th

This year marked the 5th anniversary of our popular API Delta Chapter family clay tournament. Despite challenging industry conditions we had great support from our sponsors, shooters, and volunteers. Over 40 teams participated on a great weather weekend at Covey Rise Lodge in Husser, LA. API Delta Chapter was very pleased to offer a fun and safe event for our industry families. This year's API Chairman, Ken Meyers, summed it up this way, "As always, it was rewarding to see parents and their kids spend quality time together while amicably competing with friends and colleagues."



The API Delta Chapter tournament has become a unique event to the oilfield community in New Orleans since it emphasizes and encourages participation from all members of the family. In addition to the Father/Son teams, the tournament also awards top shooters in the Ladies Class, Individual, and Four Man teams. Our annual clay shoot and golf tournaments provide the Delta Chapter with the majority of its funding. Consequently, industry support is vital to our philanthropic efforts. The past successes of these two events have allowed our Chapter to increase donations to a variety of opportunities and needs in the community. For 2009, we increased our scholarship awards budget from \$12,000 to \$20,000. Where appropriate we try to maximize impact for our membership with a special emphasis on education.



Much appreciation goes to our industry supporters. Obviously, an event like this cannot succeed without their financial support. This year we had 4 Gold, 3 Silver and 3 Bronze Sponsors along with 23 food & station sponsors. Similarly, we recognize and thank the many volunteers who made this event fun and safe for the rest of us. Just as important are these behind-the-scenes volunteers who handle the work of cooking, registering, scoring, and picking up.



This year's tournament was directed by Bob Bailey. He and his tournament committee volunteers, most of whom contributed to the past tournament successes, faithfully carried on our established tradition. Special recognition goes to Barbara Edmonds, our BOD secretary. She stepped in this year to help the committee handle the vigorous challenges of organization and registration that an event this size presents. In Bob's words, "this year's tournament went off without a hitch and was quite a success due to the efforts of the committee along with great support from the many sponsors and participants. Fun was had by all and I am looking forward to next year's event. My sincerest thanks and appreciation go out to all for their involvement in helping make this year's tournament happen."



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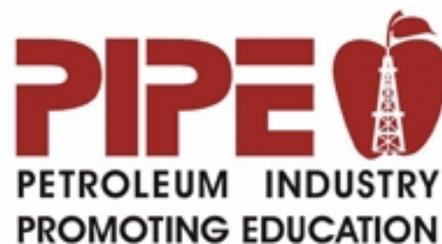
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### Special Mention

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Richard Gittings Event Photography



## FETCH! Energy

Louisiana Children's  
Museum

Saturday, July 25, 2009

Energy industry societies are once again pooling their efforts together under the umbrella name of PIPE to sponsor energy education. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, PIPE will sponsor the Louisiana Children's Museum (LCM) FETCH Energy Saturday.

**WHAT:** One Saturday of each month, the LCM transforms into a science challenge lab where children investigate the world around them using the power of play as their number one tool. The July FETCH event introduces young visitors to energy and its daily use, theme being Energy. Children and adults will see how fundamental energy is through age appropriate FUN activities.

Please plan to visit the Louisiana Children's Museum at 420 Julia Street on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. You or your organization can also volunteer to participate in this fun, learning experience. This will be a great opportunity for children (and parents) to learn about the energy industry and its many disciplines.





API-Delta joined with several other local societies to promote the Materials/Corrosion Science Teachers Camp which was recently held at UNO. The camp was free to High School Science teachers interested in developing knowledge about Materials and Corrosion Engineering. The local Section of NACE International, the Corrosion Society, approved funding to sponsor the camp which was held June 22-29, 2009.

The program is a week long, hands on, lab based camp which shows how to use applied sciences and engineering techniques in the classroom. Materials Science excites students' interest because the student has everyday, hands-on experience with materials. Thus, materials topics are great motivators in any engineering, technology or science course. Materials are also a very important and an integral part of the manufacturing process.

Twenty-four high school teachers gave up one week of their summer vacation to attend this camp. Teachers learned new subject matter, new experiments, and new teaching concepts. They worked hands-on with metals, ceramics, polymers and composites, and developed an appreciation for the importance of these materials to modern life. And thanks to society volunteers, they also learned more about the petroleum industry and its many opportunities.



Six societies participated in sponsoring \$500 gift certificates to each of the attendees. The gift certificates will be used to purchase supplies to help the teachers share their new knowledge in their classrooms this fall. At their commencement, each teacher spoke about their week at the camp. EVERYONE had nothing but accolades on how well the camp was run, how great the teachers were, how much they learned, not only about science but about teaching. They were all excited about bringing their new knowledge back to their students. They were very appreciative of the presenters and of the societies for their gifts. THEY WERE OUTSTANDING!!!!



Just a few of the teacher comments:

"This was absolutely the BEST professional development workshop I have ever attended..."

"I saw things this week that I wouldn't have thought of using as a classroom activity—I received so much material and so many new ideas."

One teacher said he thought he was interested in being an engineer but did not have enough knowledge about the discipline, so instead he became a teacher. But with his new knowledge he can't wait to direct his students to engineering. His gratification for teaching is



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“seeing his student’s faces bloom like a lotus blossom when they discover something new” and he can’t wait to share with them what he just learned.

A teacher shared what she learned from the presenters on “how to teach”. She commented that when a question was asked the presenter always responded “good question” and then proceeded to answer. She said they learned great material and positive reinforcement for their students.

And a teacher visiting from Florida said she was enlightened about the oil industry and intended to research more to enlighten her students.

The course was great, the presentation was a great venue for telling the society/industry story, and I believe a lot of students will benefit from this dedication. To find out more about this great opportunity visit: <http://asmcommunity.asminternational.org/portal/site/www/Foundation/Educators/TeacherCurriculum/>



## 2009 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

API Delta Chapter held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on May 14, 2009 at The Lake House on the lakefront in Mandeville.

Over 25 volunteers and their spouses enjoyed the evening of food, fun and fellowship in the quaint setting of this historical lakefront building. The event is held to honor volunteers who graciously give of their time and energy to support API Delta Chapter’s various activities and programs. This is the Chapter’s way of saying “thank you” to those individuals who selflessly serve the efforts of the API Delta Chapter.

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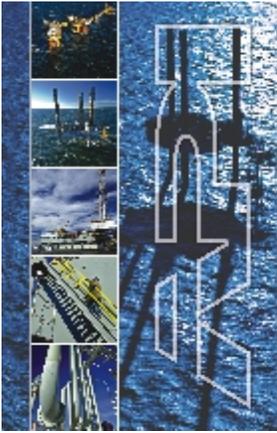
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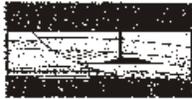


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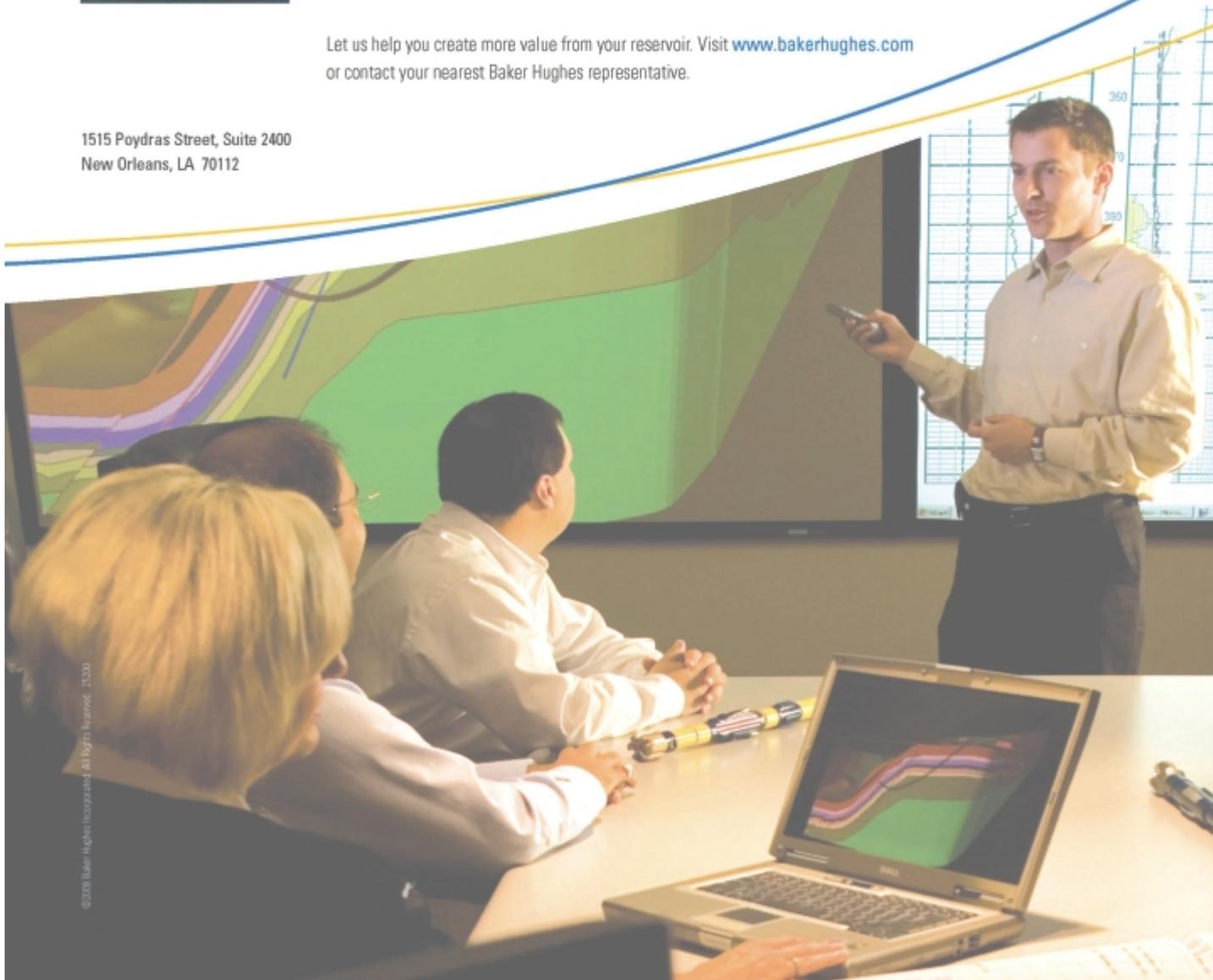
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## Louisiana Girls Leadership Academy

API Delta Chapter was proud to sponsor 10 young women to attend the Louisiana Center for Women and Government's "Louisiana Girls Leadership Academy" held June 16-19, 2009 at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, LA.

This program was designed to develop the leadership skills of selected girls entering the 8th through the 11th grades. The academy focuses on communication, situational leadership, public service, responsible citizenship and current issues. Columbine massacre survivor and founder of "Rachel's Challenge", Craig Scott, was the keynote speaker.

The girls were divided into groups that completed a service project based on "Energy and the Environment". This is also the theme of the National Women's Leadership Summit in September to be held in New Orleans.

As well as a sponsor, API Delta Chapter helped judge the service projects that the young women only had about 5 hours to complete. The judges included Peggy Bourgeois, Bernadette Alaniz, and Holly Fonseca. Also in attendance was Keith Benoit with the API National Board. We were all very impressed with the projects the girls put together so quickly. It was clear that these young ladies will be future leaders in our communities and our state. One young lady came to personally thank us for our sponsorship because she had previously been on the waiting list due to budget cuts the state universities recently received. We were very touched to have helped her attend such a rewarding event. Another young lady stated, "This experience will help me develop into a better student and leader and I look forward to using the skills I have learned here to help my community".

Over the 3 day academy, the girls attended workshops that covered topics such as building teams, communications, how to run for office, and how to be a better leader. They also attended local city council meetings and visited the state capital for meetings with the Legislative Women's Caucus and other state leaders.

They also had meetings regarding Energy & the Environment to prepare for the service projects. Two groups were chosen to attend the National Summit in September with their projects. In Tier 1 (with includes girls in the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grades) the team was "Unplug your Electronics" and in Tier 2 (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grades) the winner was "Energy and the Environment, Don't Get Mean, Get Green" which focused on saving our wetlands in Louisiana. The Center plans to follow all attendees to see their progress in local service projects and track the success of the Academy.



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