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PLANO EVENTS

- Aug. 15 PLANO Summer Garden Reception
N.O. Botanical Garden, City Park
- Aug. 20 PLANO Lease Sale 207 (WGOM) Breakfast
Royal Sonesta Hotel, New Orleans, LA
- Sept. 9 PLANO Luncheon
Andrea's Restaurant, Metairie, LA
- Oct. 13 PLANO Luncheon
Location : To Be Announced
- Oct. 27 PLANO Fall Golf Tournament
Beau Chene, Mandeville, LA
- Dec. 9 PLANO Christmas Luncheon
(Tues) Galatoire's Restaurant
- Dec. 11 PLANO Christmas Social
(Thurs.) The Napoleon House

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Aug. 20 OCS Lease Sale 207 (WGOM)
Royal Sonesta Hotel, New Orleans, LA
- Sept. 13-14 AAPL Quarterly Meeting
- Oct. 21-22 2008 Gulf Coast Prospect Expo
Cajundome Convention Center,
Lafayette, LA
- Nov. 11 Joint Industry Luncheon
Location : To Be Announced
- Nov. 27 THANKSGIVING DAY – HOLIDAY
- Dec. 6-7 AAPL Quarterly Meeting
- Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY - HOLIDAY
(Thurs.)
- Dec. 26 HOLIDAY
(Fri.)

PLANO LUNCHEON

ROYAL SONESTA HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, LA

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 11:30 A.M.

INTRODUCTION OF PLANO OFFICERS & DIRECTORS TO SERVE JULY 1, 2008-JUNE 30, 2009

At this luncheon, Gregory M. ("Greg") Riedl, PLANO's Immediate Past President, introduced the newly-elected Board to the membership, namely:

David A. Seay, PLANO President
 Anne D. Bailey, Vice President
 Brandt J. Prat, Treasurer
 Deborah C. Comeaux, Secretary
 Wm. David Briggs, Director
 P.O. ("Pete") Broussard, Director
 M. Taylor Darden, Director
 Aimee Williams Hebert, Director
 Robert J. Kinler, Director
 D. Irwin Mackenroth, Jr., Director
 Jo Ann P. Anderson, PLANO Auxilliary President
 Douglas P. St. Clair, AAPL Director

Greg Riedl will remain on the Board for another year as Immediate Past President.

The "new" Board will commence their term in office on July 1, 2008.

Thunderous applause greeted the new Board.



Front Row, L. to R.: Wm. David Briggs, Jo Ann P. Anderson, David A. Seay, Aimee Williams Hebert, Douglas P. St. Clair
 Back Row, L. to R. : Gregory M. Riedl, P. O. ("Pete") Broussard, Robert J. Kinler, M. Taylor Darden, D. Irwin Mackenroth, Jr., Brandt J. Prat.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PLANO PRESIDENT
2008-2009**



I am honored to be able to serve as PLANO President for the 2008 – 2009 year. I have been a Landman in New Orleans for about 30 years and this is my second time serving on the Board of Directors.

We will have a great slate of events this year commencing with the Summer Garden De'Lights Gala at the New Orleans Botanical Garden at City Park on Friday, August 15, and the pre-MMS Western Gulf Lease Sale #207 Breakfast on August 20 at the Royal Sonesta. Our monthly luncheons will commence in September. We plan to have a variety of speakers and topics this year. Should you have any suggestions in this respect, please contact Anne Bailey at 985-773-6711.

We will be putting together our committee chairs over the next few weeks. We welcome volunteers from the membership to assist in serving on any of these committees.

Despite experiencing a net loss of jobs in the land profession in New Orleans over the past few years, PLANO membership is actually on the rise. This, coupled with the support of our sponsors, will enable us to continue to provide educational seminars, a first class Executive Night and a variety of networking opportunities to the membership.

I would like to thank Greg Riedl, last year's President, for his dedication and leadership. Also, as Ron Munn, Bill Strait, Harald Werner and John Dale will be exiting the Board after the completion of their respective terms, I'd like to thank them for their contributions to our organization.

I look forward to seeing you at our functions this year.

David A. Seay
PLANO President

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Awards

Jo Ann P. Anderson

Community Relations and Ladies Auxiliary

M. Taylor Darden, Collette N. Ross Gordon

Education

Committee Chairperson To Be Announced

Ethics

Anne D. Bailey

Executive Night & Luncheon Speakers

William L. Johnson, Jr., Robert A. Schroeder

Golf

Edward ("Ed") Dewailly, Jan H. Aschaffenburg

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Gregory M. Riedl, John T. Dale, Jr., David V. Dufour

Nominating Committee/ Awards

Committee Chairperson To Be Announced

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Committee Chairperson To Be Announced

Scholarships

Committee Chairperson To Be Announced

Socials

Gregory M. Riedl

Speakers - Executive Night & Lunches

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Sponsorship Program

Anne D. Bailey/Frank D. Barber, III

Summer Garden Reception

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Tax Returns

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PLANO Administrator

PLANO MEMBERSHIP

The purpose of PLANO is... *"To promote and advance the art and science of the profession of Petroleum Landman."* With that in mind, we urge all of our members to each bring in at least one new member between now and the end of this year. A membership form is available on the PLANO Web Site – www.planoweb.org - so be sure to ask any and all potential new members to **join PLANO NOW** .

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Live your life as an exclamation,
not an explanation.

Submitted by
Margo Cameron, PLANO Administrator &
PLANO Newsletter Editor

PLANO LUNCHES

REMINDER – What's a ghost? Well, when an event reservation is made but not used, PLANO is left with a "ghost" on the reservation list. Three (3) working days, i.e. 72 business hours prior to events, PLANO is required to guarantee the number of attendees, thus establishing the cost involved. This is a standard procedure in the catering world. Persons who do not show up, or cancel after the guaranteed number has been issued, are regarded as "ghosts" for they cost PLANO just as much as actual attendees. PLANO has to pay, and over the course of a year, this can add up to quite an expense.

So, please help us out. If you've made a reservation for an event, that's great. We look forward to seeing you there. If things get busy and you can't make it, we'll miss you, but please make a call as soon as you know and let the event organizer know that you won't be there. Calling after the guarantee has been issued will only serve to notify us you will not be there, but we will still have to pay, and, in turn, we will have to bill you. Rarely, if ever, can adjustments be made to the orders.

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PLANO GOLF TOURNAMENT

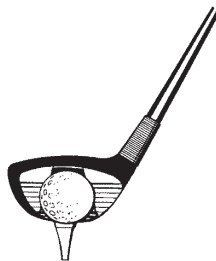
Monday, May 12th was the date of PLANO's Spring Golf Tournament at Money Hill, Abita Springs, LA. Mother Nature cooperated this time around, and granted PLANO a superb day...long overdue! Tournament winners were:

1st Place: Joey Landry
Peter Davis
David Briggs
Carl Southern

2nd Place: John O'Connell
E.J. Louviere
Rob Schroeder
Bill Johnson

3rd Place: Derek Riffe
Calvin Wood
John Prat
Doug St. Clair

4th Place: John Fenstermaker
Dennis Lowry
Tim Ledet
David Bergeron



Closest to Hole #4: Graham Doyle

Closest to Hole #8: James Lee

Closest to Hole #14: Gene Alessi

Closest to Hole #16: R. Foster

Long Drive #10: Matt Taschenberg

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Rob Schroeder and Bill Johnson again put together a great event, and the thanks of all of us with PLANO go to them, and to all who assisted with the tournament, for their efforts. Stand up, fellows, and take a bow. It is well deserved.

Mark your calendar now...PLANO's Fall Golf Tournament is to be held on Monday, October 27, 2008, 9:00 a.m. at Beau Chene Country Club, Mandeville, LA. May good weather prevail.

IN MEMORIAM

James "Jimmy" Allen Thomas, aged 57, passed away on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at Lafayette General Medical Center. On completion of service in the United States Army, Jimmy became a certified petroleum landman and continued his career in that profession until his death. He was co-owner and President of SunCoast Land Services, with offices located in Lafayette, LA and Houston, TX. Jimmy belonged to several oil and gas associations, including the Lafayette Association of Petroleum Landmen ("LAPL"), Houston Association of Petroleum Landmen ("HAPL"), the Professional Landmen's Association of New Orleans ("PLANO"), and the American Association of Professional Landmen ("AAPL"). He will be remembered for love of his wife, children and grand-children, his compassion for others, his superb sense of humor, and his generous nature. Jimmy is survived by his beloved wife, Donna, and his two sons, Stephen A. Thomas and Kevin J. Thomas.

A huge void has been created by Jimmy's untimely death. He was greatly admired and respected by all of us in the profession, and will be sorely missed.



ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, L.L.P. is pleased to announce that Christopher B. Bailey has returned to the firm's Lafayette Office as an Associate, where he will continue in his oil and gas and general business litigation practice.



REMINDER

The Gulf Coast Prospect Expo ("GCPE") is to be held at the Cajundome Convention Center, Lafayette, LA, October 21-22, 2008. Online registration is available at www.gcpeonline.com

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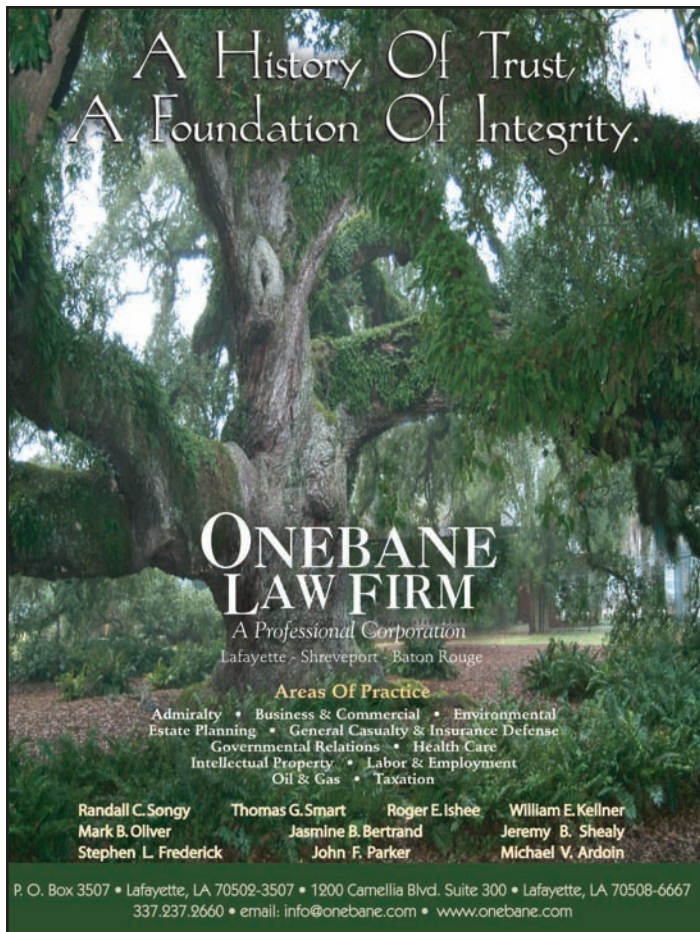
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PLANO LUNCHEON

Monday, June 9, 2008, was a special day for many PLANO members for it heralded the announcement of the new PLANO Board members for the year commencing July 1, 2008, thru June 30, 2009. At the same time, it gave the outgoing PLANO President, Gregory M. ("Greg") Riedl, the opportunity to give a brief synopsis of achievements accomplished by him in the past year, and present awards to those meriting special mention for their service to the membership. In the photograph below, Greg is seen welcoming guests.



Executive Night and the Balcony Sponsor Party were cited by Greg as being two of the best events staged by PLANO, closely followed by the Spring and Fall Golf Tournaments, providing excellent networking opportunities. In a separate class, PLANO seminars, this year under the expert guidance of Taylor Darden, are rapidly gaining prominence and recognition as some of the best educational seminars staged throughout the industry each year. The monthly luncheons, too, have been well-attended due to PLANO obtaining excellent speakers.

On the social side, PLANO affords its members opportunities to meet at several events – the Christmas Luncheon held at Galatoire's and the Christmas social held, traditionally, at The Napoleon House, a wine-tasting event, and the annual Summer Garden Reception at The Pavilion of the Two Sisters within the confines of the New Orleans Botanical Garden, truly a magnificent area. In large measure, PLANO has been able to bring all of these events to the membership through the generosity of member companies supporting PLANO through the PLANO Sponsorship Program, a program initiated by Harold Anderson.

Although it had been a hectic year, Greg freely admitted he had thoroughly enjoyed the ride.

To a standing ovation, he then announced that "new" officers on the Board were President - David A. Seay of Century Exploration New Orleans, Inc., Vice President – Anne D. Bailey, Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Treasurer – Brandt J. Prat, ORX Resources, Inc., and Secretary – Deborah C. Comeaux, McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC. New Directors are Aimee Williams Hebert, Gordon, Arata, McCollam & Eagan, L.L.P., Robert J. Kinler, Bowie Lumber Associates, Jeanerette Minerals, L.L.C.,

White Castle Minerals, L.L.C., and D. Irwin Mackenroth, Jr., The Gray Exploration Company.

Presentation of awards followed, first to McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC as Company of the Year 2007-2008.



L. to R. Greg Riedl, outgoing PLANO, President, Howard Murrish, Executive Vice President McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC

Special Awards were issued to M. Taylor Darden, Carver, Darden, Koretzky, Tessier, Finn, Blossman & Areaux LLC, and William H. ("Bill") Strait, Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre, L.L.P. for their work involving education seminars and legal matters.



L. to R. M. Taylor Darden, Greg Riedl, outgoing PLANO, President, and William H. ("Bill") Strait.

John T. Dale, Jr., McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC and Bill Strait also received awards as outgoing Board members.



L. to R. Greg Riedl and John T. Dale, Jr., McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC

PLANO LUNCHEON



*L. to R. Greg Riedl and Bill Strait,
Jones, Walker, Waechter, Carrère & Denègre, L.L.P.*



*L. to R. Greg Riedl, PLANO President,
and Marjorie A. McKeithen.*

Unfortunately, Anne D. Bailey and Ronald K. ("Ron") Munn, both of Chevron U.S.A. Inc., as well as Harald T. Werner, Clovelly Oil Co., Inc. were not able to attend the meeting. The Landman of the Year Award was to have been issued to Anne at this meeting. Jim Larre of Chevron U.S.A. Inc. accepted the award on her behalf. It would be remiss if mention was not made of the fact that Anne Bailey is the first women to be appointed an Officer of PLANO, and will take over the reins of Vice President of the organization on July 1, 2008. Congratulations and well done, Anne. You have worked hard for this appointment. We feel sure the full support of the membership is behind you on this one!

Ron Munn will complete his position as PLANO Treasurer on June 30th, 2008. Ron gave a great deal of attention to the PLANO Scholarship Program and established guidelines to be followed when making awards. PLANO has gained from his stewardship, and warm thanks and great appreciation are due him for a job very well done!

Harald Werner stepped in to fill a year's vacancy on the Board. He, too, will complete this assignment on June 30th, 2008. As a Director he brought great insight to all PLANO endeavors, and for this PLANO is truly grateful and appreciative.

The Betty S. Baronne Award, an award established July 30, 1981, to honor Betty S. Baronne, an employee in the Department of Natural Resources, Baton Rouge, LA, was next awarded. To give you a little history about the award, evidently, Ms. Baronne was the quintessential employee – knew everything about the workings of the Department of Natural Resources and always had the answers needed by persons seeking help – a rare find in any organization. This award is bestowed upon a Federal, State or Local Government Representative in an oil and gas related position who has displayed a high degree of competence and expertise in his or her area of responsibility and a desire to aid Landmen in their efforts to work with recipient's office or agency. The first award was issued in January, 1982.

Marjorie A. McKeithen, Assistant Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and Secretary of the State Mineral Board proudly accepted the award for the year 2007-2008

Greg Riedl than introduced David A. Seay, Land Manager of Century Exploration New Orleans, Inc., confirming that David will be PLANO President for the year commencing July 1, 2008, thru June 30, 2009. In the photograph below, David is seen presenting Greg Riedl, as outgoing President, with the coveted Plaque and Gavel.



Participants at this meeting are shown below –



*L. to R. Johanna Lae, Century Exploration,
Barbara Kennon, Eni Petroleum, Jan Breaux, Century
Exploration, Cindy Lowrance, Energy Partners, Ltd.,
Wendy Kliebert, McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC,
Gail Maniscalco, Eni Petroleum, Susan Hooper,
Cimarex Energy Company, and Beth Punecky,
McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC*

PLANO LUNCHEON



L. to R. Dana Dupre, Aimee Williams Hebert, Wes Sharples and Loulan Pitre, members of Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, L.L.P.

Following Hurricane Katrina, the Louisiana Department of Education formed the Recovery School District to turn under-performing schools in New Orleans into successful schools through better management and innovative approaches to learning. The Choice Foundation, formed in 2004 with the intent of promoting school choice in the State of Louisiana, seized the opportunity to charter a school at this time. The Lafayette Academy Charter School was chartered in 2006 and classes began in September, 2006. The school provides the basic elementary education of children, Grades Pre K-7 as well as an array of enrichment programs. Lafayette Academy, located in the Carrollton area of New Orleans, has an enrollment of 750 students and there is a waiting list for every grade.

Students who attend the school come from predominantly low-income families. They suffered significantly in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Many of these students did not attend school in 2005-2006, causing them to fall further behind academically.

Mickey Landry, Head of School of the Lafayette Academy Charter School recently told his teachers, "Lafayette Academy is a beacon of light for the students who attend school with us. As educators, we have a chance to build a school that will succeed, and we cannot fail another generation of children."

In the photograph below, Greg Reidl, PLANO President, and Jo Ann P. Anderson, PLANO Auxiliary President, are shown presenting PLANO's check for \$5,000 to Mr. Landry.



Lastly, David Seay thanked the "outgoing" members of the PLANO Board for their dedication and service to PLANO. Board members for the year ending June 30, 2008, are shown below, namely:



Wm. David Briggs, Jo Ann P. Anderson, Gregory M. Riedl, Brandt J. Prat, Douglas P. St. Clair
 Back Row L. to R.: John T. Dale, Jr., William H. ("Bill") Strait, P.O. ("Pete") Broussard, III, David A. Seay, M. Taylor Darden.
 Missing from the picture – Ronald K. Munn and Harald T. Werner, Jr.

AAPL MEMBERSHIP

Effective immediately, anyone wishing to become an AAPL member is required to turn in the request to the President of his/her local association for the signature of the existing President prior to the application being turned into AAPL.

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