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## PLANO EVENTS

- Jan. 31 PLANO Executive Night Seminar  
New Orleans Hilton Riverside Hotel
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- Jan. 31 PLANO Sponsor (Balcony) Party  
Royal Sonesta Hotel
- Feb. 11 PLANO Luncheon  
Andrea's Restaurant
- Mar. 10 PLANO Luncheon  
Royal Sonesta Hotel

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Jan. 16 AAPL 2008 OCS Advisory Board Workshop  
Anadarko Bldg., Allison Hall, Houston, TX
- Feb. 5 MARDI GRAS – HOLIDAY
- Feb. 7 NAPE  
Houston, TX
- Feb. 8 NAPE  
Houston, TX
- Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day

## PLANO'S EXECUTIVE NIGHT NEW ORLEANS HILTON RIVERSIDE & TOWERS, NEW ORLEANS, LA THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008, 5:30-8 :30 P.M.



James R. Moffett is the featured speaker for PLANO's Executive Night. He is Co-Chairman of the Board of McMoRan Exploration Co. (NYSE: MMR). MMR is engaged in the exploration, development and production of oil and natural gas reserves offshore in the Gulf of Mexico and onshore in the Gulf Coast area. In August, 2007, MMR completed an acquisition of the

Gulf of Mexico Shelf oil and gas properties of Newfield Exploration Company (NYSE: NFX) and certain exploration rights for approximately \$1.08 billion in cash. McMoRan has a diversified portfolio of oil and gas properties with significant production and cash flow generating capacity and a large exploration acreage position to pursue opportunities on the Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico. McMoRan is also pursuing plans for the development of the Main Pass Energy Hub TM, a deepwater port off Southeast Louisiana which will be used for the receipt and processing of liquefied natural gas and the storage and distribution thereof.

Mr. Moffett is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (NYSE: FCX).

FCX is engaged in minerals exploration, mining, smelting, refining and related operations around the globe. Under Mr. Moffett's leadership, in 1988 FCX discovered the Grasberg ore complex in Papua, Indonesia, which contains the world's largest reserves of copper and gold. In 2007, FCX acquired the Phelps Dodge Corporation in a \$26 billion transaction that created the world's largest publicly traded copper company. With 25,000 employees, FCX operates large, long-lived, geographically diverse assets with significant proven and probable reserves of copper, gold and molybdenum and has a dynamic portfolio of expansion and growth projects.

Mr. Moffett has a B.S. degree in Geology from The University of Texas (1961) and an M.S. degree in Geology from Tulane University (1963).

From 1964 to 1969, Mr. Moffett was a consulting geologist. In 1969, he and two associates founded McMoRan Oil & Gas Co., which developed into one of America's leading independent oil and gas firms. In 1981, Mr. Moffett put together the merger of McMoRan Oil & Gas and Freeport Minerals Company. The merger resulted in the establishment of a new company, Freeport-McMoRan Inc., which became one of the world's leading natural re-

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PLANO PRESIDENT 2007-2008



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

By the time you receive this message, we will probably have had our annual Christmas Luncheon at Galatoire's and our Christmas Social at The Napoleon House. The gifts we collect at the Christmas Luncheon will be distributed at the Baronne Street Transitional Housing and Care Center run by Catholic Charities. For those of you unfamiliar with this group, Baronne Street Transitional Housing provides residential and support services to homeless families, couples and individuals. Program participants are allotted a stay of up to twelve (12) months and aftercare services are available upon program completion. Individual case plans are established for each program participant. These goals are based on the immediate and long term needs expressed by the participant. Services offered to all program participants comprise Case Management, assistance with budgeting and debt repair, individual counseling, family counseling, and community referrals, including medical, mental health, substance abuse, employment assistance, clothing and housing.

January, 2008 will bring some exciting events for PLANO and the New Orleans area. For many of our members, the fact that LSU will be playing for a national championship on January 7 in New Orleans is as good as it gets. PLANO is getting good things, too. For our Executive Night to be held on Thursday, January 31, 2008, at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside & Towers, ("The Hilton"), we have secured Mr. James R. Moffett as the featured speaker. Mr. Moffett needs no introduction to our membership as he has been a leader in the New Orleans oil and gas community since the 1960's. The Executive Night Seminar will be held earlier that same day, again, at The Hilton. The Education Committee Chairman is currently organizing speakers and topics for this all day seminar. This is yet another opportunity for our members to obtain the necessary continuing education credits (CPL, CLE, RPL, etc.).

Some of the other 2008 events for us to look forward to are the Spring Golf Tournament, a Day at the Races, the Crawfish Boil and the Zephyrs Game with a half-day seminar. Upcoming newsletters will highlight these events.

May all of you have a very safe and happy holiday season!

Greg Riedl  
PLANO President

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## 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](http://www.planoweb.org) - so be sure to ask any and all potential new members to **join PLANO**.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Learn to listen.  
Opportunity sometimes knocks very softly.


*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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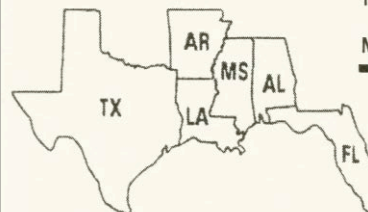
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PLANO is pleased to announce these new members to the general membership, and welcomes all of them to the organization. In actual fact, Peggy Carr and Casey Jones were prior members, and we are very pleased that they have elected to renew their membership.

## PLANO EXECUTIVE NIGHT SPEAKER (Continued)

source companies. He served as Chairman and CEO from 1984-1997, when Freeport-McMoRan Inc. merged with IMC Global Inc., but FCX continued as a separate company.

Mr. Moffett serves on numerous boards and has been a noted civic leader. As a result, he has received many awards and honors from a wide variety of organizations, including:

- New Orleans Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award 1984
- B'nai B'rith Great American Traditions Award 1989
- Urban League Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Award 1989
- Horatio Alger Association Distinguished Americans Award 1990
- Anti-Defamation League Torch of Liberty Award 1991
- New Orleans Peace Foundation Peacemaker Award 1991
- NAACP's Person of the Year Award 1992
- Horatio Alger Association Norman Vincent Peale Award for exceptional humanitarian contributions to Society 2000

Mr. Moffett is also a member of the American Mining Hall of Fame, Mining Foundation of the Southwest.

The topic of Mr. Moffett's speech is:  
"The Gulf of Mexico's Deep Shelf."



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William ("Bill") A. Sherwood has joined the firm as Partner in the firm's Houston office. He will focus on energy and other commercial litigation and product liability litigation. He is licensed in both Texas and Louisiana, and has successfully tried and otherwise resolved a variety of litigation in the courts across Texas, including cases for energy companies, major manufacturers, contractors and owners, as well as health care and other professionals. Bill has also successfully handled claims involving issues of trademark violation, ERISA, and employment law. He



William A. Sherwood

has represented lawyers and other parties in fiduciary duty litigation; and businesses, their principals or advisors in a variety of commercial litigation.

Bill is board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in both Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law, and is also board certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He has been elected by his peers to an Associate of the American Board of Trial Advocates and has been recognized by his peers through Law and Politics as a "Texas Super Lawyer."



Julie E. Deshotels

Julie E. Deshotels has joined the firm as an Associate in our Lafayette office. Julie practices oil and gas law.

Weston W. Sharples, Dana E. Dupre and Michelle C. Purchner have joined the firm as Associates in our New Orleans office. Wes practices commercial transactions and oil and gas law, and Dana and Michelle practice oil and gas law.



Weston W. Sharples



Dana E. Dupre



Michelle C. Purchner



Ryan J. Richmond

Ryan J. Richmond has joined the firm as Associate in the Baton Rouge office. Ryan practices commercial litigation with a focus on bankruptcy.

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# JOINT INDUSTRY LUNCHEON

Clancy DuBos of Gambit Communications, Inc. was the featured speaker at the Joint Industry Luncheon held Tuesday, November 13th at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. Some 205 members from the following Greater New Orleans area oil and gas companies were in attendance, namely:

- American Petroleum Institute – Delta Chapter
  - Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies of New Orleans
  - Desk & Derrick Club of New Orleans
  - Desk & Derrick Club of the Westbank
  - Independent Petroleum Association of Americas
  - National Association of Corrosion Engineers
  - New Orleans Geological Society
  - Offshore Oil Scouts Association
  - Professional Landmen’s Association of New Orleans
  - Society of American Military Engineers
  - Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists
  - Society of Petroleum Engineers – Delta Section
  - Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers
  - Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts
  - Southeastern Geophysical Society
- Benjamin J. (“Ben”) Waring, President of Waring & Associates Corp., and on behalf of API and all organizations represented at this event, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced the speaker, Clancy DuBos.



L. to R. Ralph Gipson, Ed Dewailly, C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, Inc., Henry Guzman, G Geophysics LLC



L. to R. Gail Maniscalco, ENI Petroleum, Mitch Ackal and Beth Punecky, Dominion Exploration & Production, Inc.



L. to R. Jo Ann Andersson, PLANO Auxiliary President, and Gail Maniscalco, ENI Petroleum.



Ben Waring



Clancy DuBos

Clancy delivered an excellent political update relating both to events which have and are taking place in our beloved City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana. Everyone there wanted to hear what Clancy had to say and he didn't disappoint anyone, it seemed. This is a crucial time in our history and misdeeds by elected officials can and will not be tolerated by the citizenry. Old habits and practices must go, and the best way to ensure this occurs is to value one's voting ability and put the best persons possible into office. Thundering applause followed his remarks.



At the podium - Jan Catalano, ORX Resources, Inc. & Founding Member of P.I.P.E. (Petroleum Industry Promoting Education)

Jan Catalano thanked the assembled groups for allowing her to address them about P.I.P.E, a collaborative effort among the petroleum industry societies, corporations and the education community, whereby societies and corporations can pool their efforts and resources to demonstrate what is available in the field of energy education. Resources include scholarships, grants and awards such as for the GNOSEF offered by the societies and organizations, as well as teaching e.g. the Desk & Derrick activity books, SPE's magic suitcase, NOGS fossils and rock collections, etc. To date, nine societies and four organizations have grouped together under the umbrella name of PIPE – Petroleum Industry Promoting Education.

The initial effort of PIPE is to be premiere sponsor of BLAST which will be held December 1st at J.D. Mesiler School in Metairie, LA. This is a FIRST LEGO League Robotics Tournament whereby 9-14 year olds build robots



L. to R. David Briggs, a PLANO Past President, Greg Riedl, PLANO President



L. to R. Harald Werner, John Dale, Taylor Darden, PLANO Board Member

## JOINT INDUSTRY LUNCHEON

and program the robots to perform missions. This year's theme is ENERGY, and, in particular, one such mission is fossil fuel. By being the premiere sponsor, representatives of PIPE will provide the keynote speech at the competition and inform teachers, students and their parents about the petroleum industry, the everyday products the industry provides and the various careers within our industry. PIPE will also be able to participate in an information alley at the regional competition to be held at the New Orleans Convention Center in March, 2008.

In addition to sponsoring BLaST, other attempts PIPE has made to reach the education community include:

- Attending the department head meeting for mathematics and science teachers in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes to inform them about the efforts of the petroleum industry.
- Participating in the New Orleans Science and Math Advisory Board.
- Talking with representatives of the Louisiana Childrens' Museum about having a super science Saturday dedicated to the petroleum industry.

Jan went on to say that PIPE's message is getting out to the community. PIPE's efforts are paying off – teachers are requesting industry representatives to speak at career days, judge science fairs, participate as class speakers to add impact to certain subjects, and be available for mentoring.

She stated that this close association of mentoring could have the biggest influence on directing a child's career towards a discipline present at today's meeting.

In conclusion, Jan mentioned that PIPE is an ongoing effort of volunteers, societies and organizations working closely with the education community.... ***"to inform them who we are, what we do, and why we need THEM in our future."***

If you, your society, or company, would like to participate in this collaborative effort, please contact Jan at 504-680-4426.

Greg Riedl moved to the podium and thanked Clancy DuBos for another great speech. He was followed by Bernadette Alaniz, API – Delta Chapter, Chairperson, and then Ben Waring who chaired this event.



*Bernadette Alaniz,  
API – Delta Chapter Chairperson*

Each expressed their thanks to Clancy DuBos for a great speech, and to the coordinators of the luncheon for their hard work and detail.

## THE AAPL 2008 OCS ADVISORY BOARD WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, January 16, 2008**  
**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (registration Opens - 7:00 AM)**  
**Anadarko Building, Allison Hall**  
**1201 Lake Robbins Parkway**  
**The Woodlands, Texas 77380**

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Workshop is to enhance your knowledge of current OCS policies, procedures and practices. The Workshop features practical applications to agreements and procedures.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Anyone involved in OCS leasing and/or administration. The Workshop will be beneficial to landmen, attorneys, exploration and production managers and administrative personnel who have responsibilities in the OCS. Attendance is limited and we will maintain a "stand by" list.

### ACCREDITATION

AAPL Certification Committee Credits toward recertification and MCLE credits for Texas and Louisiana (requested).

### INCLUDED

Registration fee includes the workshop, lunch and cocktail reception.

### COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Wednesday, January 16, 2008; 5:00-7:00 PM; The Woodlands Waterway Marriott, 1601 Lake Robbins Drive (281-367-9797).

### REGISTRATION

Registration forms must be received by January 4, 2008; late registration after January 4, 2008.

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$200.00**

**LATE REGISTRATION FEE: \$250.00** (Registration after Jan. 4, 2008)

Refunds and cancellation: registrants which notify the Board prior to Jan. 15, 2008 will receive a refund. Cancellation or "no shows" after Jan. 15, 2008 will forfeit the Registration Fee.

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