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GENERAL DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

SPEAKER: Mike Handren – PXP

TOPIC: Declaration of Energy Independence

LOCATION: Bakersfield Petroleum Club
5060 California Ave., 12th Floor
Bakersfield, CA

TIME: Social Hour: 6:00 p.m.
Tech. Session: 6:30 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: 8:00 p.m.
Price: \$25

**April's Social Hour is sponsored by
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Please RSVP to Julie Grassi at
(661) 654-7576 or jgrassi@chevron.com
By noon on Monday, April 16, 2012.

Include your name and menu choice (steak or chicken).



**Guest Speaker: Mike Handren –
San Joaquin Valley Operations
Manager, PXP**

Mike is San Joaquin Valley Operations Manager for Plains Exploration and Production Company (PXP). He joined PXP in June of 2004, following the merger of PXP and Nuevo Energy Company.

After receiving his BS degree in Petroleum Engineering from Texas Tech University he went to work for Getty Oil Company in Levelland, Texas as an engineer. He went to work for Petro-Lewis Corporation in 1980 and received various engineering and management assignments in West Texas, Denver, East Texas, Southwest Louisiana, and South Texas before being transferred to Bakersfield in 1984. He

has worked in California for the past twenty years in Operations Management for a number of oil companies, including Petro-Lewis Corporation from 1984 to 1987, Santa Fe Energy from 1987 to 1996, Monterey Resources from 1996 to 1997, Texaco from 1997 to 2002, and Nuevo Energy from 2002 to 2004.

He is a member of SPE, AADE, California Natural Gas Producers Association, and is the past Chairman of the Energy Committee of the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce. He is on the boards of the PPGA, the San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the API and the Pyles Boys Camp. He is also active on the Wildcat Committee where he writes and performs for the annual Wildcat Hijinks, and is a cast member of Black Gold Productions.

Topic: Declaration of Energy Independence

We are all seeing \$4 gas prices and hearing things about America's dependence on foreign oil. I will briefly discuss the energy use and sources of energy for the United States and will lay out some things that could make America less dependent on foreign oil. When you put it all together it seems so reasonable, it will make you wonder why we aren't doing this already...or at least taking the steps necessary to get to energy independence. As an added bonus, I will also present a quick look at the U.S. budget deficit in terms that we can all understand.

TECHNICAL SESSION

Speaker: Dr. Hill - Hytech

Topic: Fluid Level Monitoring

Speaker Sponsor for January:

This month's Technical Session is sponsored by Dan Sliter - PCL. A big thank you to our Vice Chair for his generosity! There will be a drawing held for those who come and actively participate in this learning and knowledge sharing event.

CHAPTER NEWS

Upcoming Events

To keep things going the right way, we are providing a list of this year's API activities and events so you can plan for them. This list will be updated as information becomes available.

April 17 th	Dinner Meeting
May 4 th	Golf Tournament
May 5 th	Relay for Life
May 15 th	Dinner Meeting
May 19 th	Adopt-A-Highway
June 19 th	Dinner Meeting
July 17 th	Dinner Meeting
August 21 st	Dinner Meeting
August 25 th	Adopt-A-Highway
September 18 th	Dinner Meeting
October 16 th	Dinner Meeting
October 20 th	Adopt-A-Highway
November 3 rd	Oil Baron's Ball

2012 Adopt-A-Highway

Each spring, Keep America Beautiful, a non-profit organization, conducts a nationwide beautification campaign called the *Great American Cleanup*. Last year, an estimated 3.8 million volunteers and attendees donated more than 5.2 million hours to clean, beautify, and improve more than 16,510 communities in all 50 states. Activities included beautifying parks and recreation areas, and cleaning seashores, waterways and highway roadsides.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is an active partner with Keep America Beautiful's California affiliate, Keep California Beautiful. We are encouraged to support the *Great American Cleanup* by scheduling our work in our Adopt-A-Highway section during the months of April or May.

Our Next Adopt-A-Highway outing will be May 19th. If you have any questions regarding the *Great American Cleanup* or the API Adopt-A-Highway, please do not hesitate to contact Bill St. Clair at (661) 340-4500 or bill.stclair@iesp.solutions.gasscoinc.com.

API Website

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monthly dinner meetings and your advertising online at the website. It is easy and convenient, so don't delay. Start paying the easy way with API's PayPal buttons!

Community Involvement

The Desk and Derrick Club volunteers at the BGP melodrama, Golf Tournament, and Fall Fun Shoot. They could use API support to promote their Annual Fashion Show in May 28, 2012. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Terra Gaines at (661) 340-8932 or lopezte@kellyservices.com.

Terra is also looking for volunteers and donations for the annual KGET/Gleaners Food Drive which will be held on April 25, 2012 from 4am to 7pm.

Kern County Science Fair

This year the API has awarded \$900 to 15 different science fair projects at the 2012 Kern County Science Fair held on March 13. This is the third year that the API has given out these awards. The awards were presented to students who did projects directly related to the oil industry and included such topics as how to clean birds after an oil spill, how much oil do rocks contain, fracturing, cement compressive strengths, and many others. The 14 winners from grade schools and middle schools each received a certificate and a \$50 gift card to Barnes and Noble while the two high school students each received a \$100 gift card to Barnes and Noble along with the certificate. Chris Jones, Terra Gaines, and Matt Kedzierski reviewed the projects to determine the winners. The recipients of the API awards are below:

Sagar Gupta, Stockdale Elementary
Caroline Morton, St Francis
Susanna Hernandez, Freemont Elementary
Theodore Hoss, Downtown Elementary
Alexis Mendoza, La Viena
Alyssa Pronovost, Earl Warren
Jessica Anderson, Cecil Ave.
Jared Elliott & Joshua Hedden, OLPH
Garrett Gwinn, Stockdale Christian
Marc Myers, Freedom MS
Matthew Chaffee, Tevis
Brandon Goenawan, Norris
Emma Gilmartin, Murray MS
Nathaniel Tweed, BCHS
Connor Kingsbury, BCHS

Kern County Science Fair



Matt Kedzierski presenting an award



Garret Gwinn of Stockdale Christian



2012 Kern County Science Fair Award Recipients

Super Prize Raffle

We've got another SUPER prize this month courtesy of Jimmy Leal - Pros. Thank you Jimmy for all that you do. Ed Ott was the winner of the March Super Raffle. Bring a few extra bucks to the April meeting and you could be the next Super Prize winner.

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Relay for Life 2012

Relay for Life is Saturday, May 5th. If you would like to become sponsor or donate a raffle prize, please contact Laurie Alexander at laurie_alexander@rocketmail.com.

You can also make a donation on the website at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/API-BGP>.

Our 2012 goal is to have 60 registered team members and raise \$57,000. Relay is just 80 days away. We currently have 42 team members and have raised \$43,000. **Thanks to PCL Industrial Services, Inc. for being our first 2012 Sponsor!**

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Golf Tournament

The annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 4th. Pros/Premier is donating a 55" flat screen TV to be given away at this year's golf tournament; tickets for the TV raffle are \$5 each.

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