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## GENERAL DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

**SPEAKER: Starlyn Fikkert**  
**API Scholarship Committee**

**TOPIC: 2011 Scholarship Awards**

**PLACE:** American Legion Hall  
2020 H St., 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: \$20

**Social Hour will be sponsored by Jodi King of Baker-Hughes. Thank you very much for the refreshing beverages, Jodi.**

**Please call or email Julie Grassi with your name and your menu choice (steak or chicken) by MONDAY June 20, 2011.**  
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### **Guest Speaker: Starlyn Fikkert - API**



#### **Scholarship Committee**

Starlyn Fikkert is the past chair of the SJV Chapter of the API, and now serves as its scholarship chairman. She is joined on the scholarship committee by James McClard and Jodi King. They are the people that spent many hours reviewing the scholarship applications and rating the applicants on a specific set of

criteria in order to award the scholarships to the most deserving students. They have done a great job in recommending the recipients for this year's awards.

The following students will be recognized Tuesday night at the general dinner meeting where we have invited each of the scholarship winners and their families.

Whitney	Aguirre	Microbiology/Nursing
Clayton	Bowen	Liberal Studies
Stephen	Bowen	Pre-Engineering
Zaelin	Brown	Nutrition
Rudy	Castro	Chemical Engineering
LisaBeth	Clanton	Animal Science
Emily	Cohen	Cognitive Science
Ramon	Duran	Auto Technology, Diesel
Alexander	Eden	Petro Eng - Undecided
Jacob	Frost	Mechanical Engineering
Walter	Fuentes	Mechanical Engineering
Rene	Gone	Chemical Engineering
Ian	Henry	Biology
David	Hepp	Marketing
Nancy	Kedzierski	Chemistry
Coleton	Kerley	Pre-Engineering/Architecture
Darien	Key	
Mina	Kirkwood	Computer Science
Charles	Knight	Mechanical Engineering
Alex	Knight	Chemistry
Caitlyn	Krug	International Studies
Matthew	Lee	Civil Engineering
Victoria	Lee	Public Health Services
Jordan	Lewis	Mechanical Engineering
Emmanuel	Lopez	Pre-Engineering
Anthony	Martinez	English
Roxanne	Martinez	Doctor of Medicine
Gonzalo	Muniz	Pre-Engineering
Amber	Nelson	Mechanical Engineering
Timothy	Nguyen	Bioengineering
Grant	Paulson	Engineering Physics
Justin	Roney	Bussiness
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## **TECHNICAL SESSION**

**Speaker: Sherry Stein – Aera Energy, LLC**



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Management**

Sherry Stein's current role is Manager Human Resources – Recruitment & Talent Management, for Aera Energy, LLC. Aera is one of the leading oil and gas producers in California and

accounts for about 25% of the state's production.

Aera is jointly owned by Shell and ExxonMobil.

Sherry's position leads the teams responsible for recruitment, staff planning, career development and succession planning at Aera.

Sherry began her career in Human Resources 30+ years ago as a Personnel Supervisor for Robinson May Retail Corporation. She was recruited by Shell Oil Company in 1977 to fill a Human Resources position at their Wilmington Manufacturing Complex. She worked a variety of assignments in Human Resources for Shell in California and Houston, TX before her transfer to Bakersfield, in January 1995. She has performed a number of Aera Human Resources Manager roles since its formation in June 1997.

Sherry holds a BS Degree in Marketing and an MBA from California State University at Long Beach.

### **Topic - "Fueling Your Future"**

High School and college students and young professionals are the target audience for this presentation. The presentation will discuss the skills, competencies and experiences recruiters look for in candidates who are entering the workforce.

We will explore five critical competencies by:

- Defining the competency
- Describing its importance.
- Revealing how recruiters know if you have the competency.

- Providing strategies to further develop the competency.

In sum, Fueling Your Future is about how to prepare yourself to be selected for your dream job and create a great career.

### **Technical Session Sponsor for June:**

THANK YOU! This month's Tech Session is sponsored by **Dan Sliter of PCL**. Dan is a big supporter of the API in many events and is also a sponsor of the newsletter. We thank him for all that he does and for this sponsorship as well. There will be a drawing for two \$50 gift certificates generously donated by Dan, for those who come and actively participate in this learning and knowledge sharing event!

**Special Thanks To:**  
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**“Mayday – Mayday”**  
**June 2011**

There are many more issues the industry faces but I thought these would be of interest to you, and should be aware of. If you have any questions give me a call. Have a great summer and pay attention to those heat illness regulations.

**HR 1582:** Congressman Kevin McCarthy. “Commonsense Ozone Regulation Act” This bill would remove the applicability of the old 1-Hour Federal Ozone Standards eliminating the nonattainment penalty fees (\$29 million per year) that valley businesses would have to pay. This bill would establish a local advisory committee to submit a report to Congress on the feasibility of the new ozone standard set by EPA. Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District stated; “Given the enormously difficult standard being considered by EPA, failure to craft common sense approaches will result in substantial backlash from the public and the business community that will be detrimental to our clean air efforts, and will set the San Joaquin Valley up for almost certain failure with devastating consequence.” This is a good bill. I support common sense.

**SB 653:** State Senator Steinberg. This bill would change California’s tax structure by extending new taxing authority to counties, community college districts and county offices of education. Allowing these entities to have personal income taxing powers would create long term economic and compliance problems as businesses would be forced to comply with the tax jurisdictions of up to 58 different counties, up to 58 offices of education and up to 72 community college districts. This is Senator Steinberg’s answer to the state budget problem – “Yikes” Good news: Last week the bill failed to clear the senate floor and technically died on Friday, June 3 but Senator Steinberg is going to take SB 653’s language and amend it into a budget trailer bill (Bill SB 23X). I plan to keep an eye on it.

*“It’s never over till it’s over..”*

## **CHAPTER NEWS**

### **API Golf Tournament**

The golf tournament raised an incredible \$43,812 for the scholarship fund! Thank you to all the sponsors, players, workers, and especially Jim Roberts.

### **Super Prize Raffle**

We’ve got another super prize this month, courtesy of James McClard of Baker-Hughes. He is offering a prize valued at least \$200. Bring a few extra bucks to the May meeting and you could be the next Super Prize winner.

### **API Website**

Need to pay for your 2011 membership? Go out and visit the API Website at [www.apibakersfield.org](http://www.apibakersfield.org). There are also new pictures of events, archived newsletters, and links to other informative websites. You can also pay for your 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!

### **Newsletter Sponsorships**

Thank you to the sponsors that renewed their newsletter sponsorships. For the rest of you, If you would like to continue into the 2011 newsletter, please renew your sponsorship soon. If you wish to become an API Newsletter sponsor, please contact the newsletter editor, Mike Handren by e-mail at [mhandren@pxp.com](mailto:mhandren@pxp.com). Please list “Newsletter Sponsor” in the subject line so that he will get right on it and get you back into the pages of the newsletter. We can accommodate various types of sponsor recognition, as you have seen during 2011 and in this edition of the newsletter. We have even made them for some sponsors using their material and our talent. So if you want more than a business card, let us know and we will work on it for you. See the following pages for some good examples. You can pay for your sponsorship online at our website [www.apibakersfield.org](http://www.apibakersfield.org) or by check payable to API. We appreciate your newsletter sponsorship.

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### Adopt-A-Highway

On Saturday May 21st, API volunteers collected 29 bags of litter along Enos Lane (Highway 43) from Rosedale Hwy to Stockdale Hwy.

A special thanks to the following who worked from 7:00 am to 9:00 am.

Ken and Joanne Putnam  
George Gray  
Don Bowen and sons; Clayton and Stephen  
Bob Williams  
Charlie McWhorter  
Scott Bender  
Bruce Bender  
Joe and Sandi Billingsley

While picking up the trash the volunteers searched for what they thought would be either the most unique or most valuable find.

- \* Scott Bender found the “Most Unique Find”, a Rod Cap from a large engine.
- \* Bruce Bender found the “Most Valuable Find”, a LOOK UP AND LIVE flag,

Our next Adopt-A-Highway outing will be in September and we hope to see more of you at that one.



### 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.

June 21	Dinner Meeting
July 19	Dinner Meeting
August 16	Dinner Meeting
September 20	Dinner Meeting
October 7	Fall Fun Shoot
October 18	Dinner Meeting
October TBA	Adopt-A-Highway
November 5	Oil Baron's Ball
November	No Meeting
December	No Meeting

# Save The Date !

## 2011 Fall Fun Shoot

### Friday, October 7, 2011

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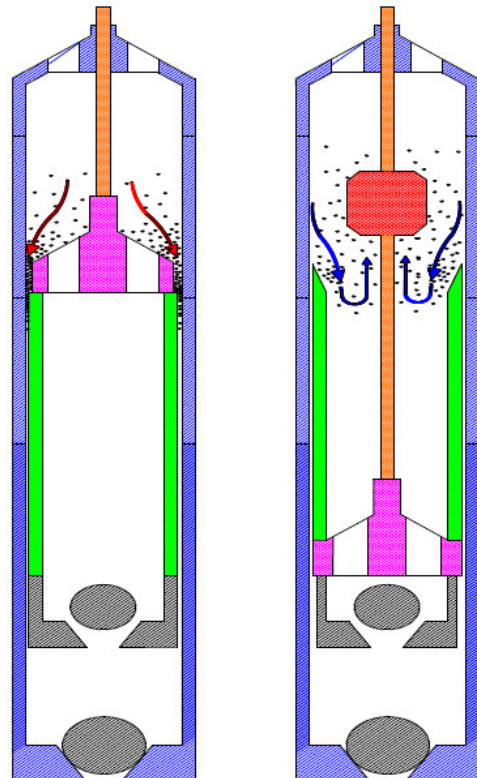
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**Plunger Comparison**  
*API Conventional* vs. *Farr™ Plunger*  
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Notice how the solids on the Conventional API pump are **funneled outward** into the gap between the plunger connector and the pump barrel wall. This will cause the API plunger to stick in the barrel and/or shorten its run life.

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
19	20	21 API General Meeting	22	23	24	25	18	19	20 API General Meeting	21	22	23	24
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