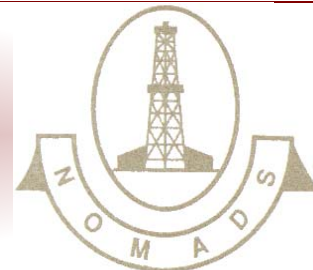


THE CARAVAN



“... it is the duty of all good **NOMADS**...and there must be no other kind....
to create good will among oil equipment manufacturers, oil companies and Foreign Governments....”

Next Meeting— Monday, May 15
Morrison “Moe” Plaisance
Diamond Offshore
Topic: “Deepwater MODUs Present and Future”

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Kurt Abraham
Nomads 2006
President

Kurt Abraham, your 2006 President, welcomed 80 members and guests to the April Dinner Meeting. Our guest speaker, Janet Clark, Senior Vice President and CFO of Marathon Oil Co., delivered an excellent presentation on the upstream challenges facing a major, integrated oil company in the current market, both internationally and in the U.S. Her specific comments on manpower issues and escalating costs for all E&P operations were particularly timely, as was her discussion of Marathon’s strategy for expanding international efforts.

Our apologies for the late delivery of this issue of *The Caravan*, but this enabled us to also bring you the results of the NOMADS OTC Cocktail Party. I am pleased to tell you that we sold approximately 735 tickets to this event on May 2 at the Grand Plaza Hotel, a figure that I believe was helped by the lower ticket price and the shift to Tuesday evening instead of Monday (when so many “free” corporate receptions/parties are competing). In fact, the \$38 ticket price was the lowest for our NOMADS OTC event in more than 10 years, yet we were still able to generate a \$4,500 profit. This is because of the generous underwriting assistance from our Gold Level sponsor, Chevron (\$2,500) and Silver Level sponsor, Houston Systems Manufacturing Co. (\$1,500). Many thanks to these firms for their participation.

World Oil

Our next major event will be the NOMADS Annual Golf Tournament, scheduled for Oct. 19, 2006, at Blackhorse Golf Club in Cypress, Texas, northwest of Houston. Already, our Special Events Committee has lined up some dinner and Hole-in-One sponsors. We still need lunch sponsors (\$750) and hole sponsorships (\$300), so please send in your commitments for these items as soon as possible, and begin thinking about your teams. Also, please note that our May meeting will be a dinner session, a week later than normal, on May 15 at HESS. Following that, the next two meetings will be on Thursdays, June 8 and Aug. 17, and they will be LUNCHEONS.

NOMADS Calendar of Events—2006

MONDAY, May 15	Regular Dinner Meeting	HESS
Thursday, Jun 8	LUNCHEON Meeting	HESS
July	No Scheduled Meeting	
Thursday, Aug 17	LUNCHEON Meeting	HESS
Monday, Sep 11	Regular Dinner Meeting	HESS
Thursday, Oct 19	Annual Golf Tournament	BlackHorse Golf Club
Monday, Nov 13	Induction Meeting	HESS
Monday, Dec 11	Annual Business Meeting	HESS

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION— It's that time again! Nomads will present the Nomads scholarships again this year. All children or grandchildren of Nomads' members, in good standing, who are graduating high school seniors, or already attending college, are eligible. What a great way to get value out of your membership and reward for a student's hard work! You may download an application on the website (www.nomadsintl.com), or email wandabaker@houston.rr.com. Please get those applications completed and mailed in to Wanda by June 30th. The winners will be announced at the August meeting.



Gary Kirsch welcomes Janet Clark, Senior VP and CFO Marathon Oil Company



Applicants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Michael Hayes	WSI Services	Coleman, Mike
Walt May	SFA Intl	Greenblatt, Larry
Tom Rutledge	Procurement Services	Hebert, John
Gustavo Santana	National Oilwell Varco	Pereira, Ray
Richard Rodriguez	RVW, Inc.	Plunk, Sam
Gardner, Larry	Rowan Companies	McNease, Danny
Ricardo Jose Soto	Petroleum Magazine	Simonis, Detlev
Daniel Rankin	PowerWell Services	Weichert, Robert
J. D. Baker	Letourneau	McNease, Danny
Earle Findley	Well Control	Constantino, Leo
Carlson, Tom	Strongwell	Flournoy, George
Bryan Aucoin	PetroMax Mgmt Group	Morris, Ken



A warm welcome to all our applicants!



NOMADS Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, at BlackHorse Golf Club! Start your planning now!



Members and Guests Present

Domestic Guests

<u>Guest</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Host</u>
Richard Rodriguez	RVW, Inc.	Plunk, Sam
Gardner, Larry	Rowan Companies	McNease, Danny
Daniel Rankin	PowerWell Services	Weichert, Robert
J. D. Baker	Letourneau	McNease, Danny
Earle Findley	Well Control	Constantino, Leo
Bryan Aucoin	PetroMax Mgmt Group	Morris, Ken
Lanier Lohn	Pacer PSI	Lamb, Carolyn
Robert McCutchen	Pacer PSI	Provine, Bill

Kurt Abraham
 Bill Barry
 Gerald Beard
 Gary Briggs
 Ed Carney
 Michael Coleman
 Leo Constantino
 Chris Criner
 John Crooks
 David Davis
 Scott Forney
 Brooks Frazier
 Ted Garner
 Bart Goforth
 Larry Greenblatt
 Steve Grisdale
 Charlie Harrison
 GeorgeHolland
 Gary Kirsch
 Carolyn Lamb
 Walt McAdam
 Danny McNease
 Alan Montgomery
 Mark Morgan
 Bedford Pearcy
 Sam Plunk
 Bill Provine
 David Rains
 Greg Reyna
 Bentley Sanford
 Robert Saucedo
 J. D. Schuck
 Gerald Seber
 Detlev Simonis
 Jay Sims
 Bill Spielman
 Glenn Taylor
 Jorge Uria
 Marion Winsett

International Guests

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>
Chris Singfield	FSI International

Past Presidents present:

Paul Koomey	1974
Jack Campbell	1986
A. J. Kucera	1996
Bill Provine	2003
Bedford Pearcy	2004



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