

## **TU Petroleum Engineering Newsletter**

### **November 2006**

In the first week of November, I along with Dean Bellovich and Amanda Davies, who is a Director of Major Gifts in development office, visited Kuwait and Abu Dhabi to meet with some of our alumni. It was really a hectic trip since we left on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and came back on November 8<sup>th</sup>. We first visited Kuwait City on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of November. Hani Hussain who is the CEO of KPC (Kuwait Petroleum Company – mother company of all the upstream and downstream oil companies), is a Tulsa alum, arranged our trip. Unfortunately, he could not be there due to personal reasons. Therefore, on November 5<sup>th</sup>, we were hosted by Abdulla Al-Roumi who is the Chairman and Managing Director of Kuwait Oil Tanker Company, and is also an alumnus of TU. We visited KOC (Kuwait Oil Company) and KNPC (Kuwait National Petroleum Company – downstream company) facilities and had a lunch at really a nice restaurant. In the evening, the Ambassador of the United States in Kuwait, Mr. LeBaron, held the reception for TU alumni at his house. About sixty people came to the reception including many of the TU alumni. It was a wonderful event, and I got to meet many Petroleum Engineering graduates, including one who graduated in 1962. I want to extend our special thanks to the Ambassador for hosting the event and Dr. Eissa Al Safran for being a great host during our visit to Kuwait City. For more on our reception, please visit [http://kuwait.usembassy.gov/pr\\_11062006.html](http://kuwait.usembassy.gov/pr_11062006.html)

We left on November 6<sup>th</sup> from Kuwait City and visited Abu Dhabi on that day. On the evening of 6<sup>th</sup>, we held another alumni event in Abu Dhabi. It was hosted by Mr. Ali Al-Jarwan who is the General Manager of ADMA OPCO Company. During the same week, Mr. Jarwan was responsible as a General Chair for the ADIPEC meeting. Despite of his schedule, he managed to find time for us and was able to send invitations to many of TU alumni. It was an outside event, and we had a wonderful turnout. For the pictures during our visit, please see (Lori- you need to get these pictures from Amanda and post them)

Suffice to say that I was really impressed by the love and admiration of our alumni who still remember TU with great fondness and recall the great times they have had on our campus. Because of the distance, sometimes it is really difficult to visit many of these alumni, but based on our visit this time, I cannot wait to go back and have another visit so that we can reminisce the old times.

Now to the alumnus of the month ...

## **Alumnus of the Month**

This month's alumnus is Ken Ogelsby. He received BS in 1976 and MS in Petroleum Engineering in 1980 from TU. He was also selected as an outstanding senior in 1976.

He is currently a partner or officer in 7 companies. His current favorite is Impact Technologies LLC which manages technology development through design, patenting, prototyping and commercializing phases. Product development includes Inverted Motors (high speed electric, low speed electric, hydraulic, pneumatic versions), High Pressure Slurry Piston Pumps, Gas-Liquid-Solids compact separation, SPI gel systems, and other products. Impact manages or is involved in 9 projects with the US Department of Energy/NETL, University of Tulsa, Penn State University, University of Missouri-Rolla, University of Texas-Arlington, Stripper Well Consortium, Oklahoma Center of the Advancement of Science and Technology and various industry partners.

Ken started out with Chevron U.S.A. in 1977 as a Production Engineer and a Reservoir Engineer in New Orleans, Research Engineer in LaHabra, CA, then back to New Orleans as a Drilling Engineer. He then worked for CNG Producing Company and Mapco Oil and Gas Company in Tulsa. He has also managed international consulting contracts for CEALC, Inc.

Ken has served on the executive boards of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, Petroleum Technology Transfer Council (PTTC), Stripper Well Consortium, Oklahoma Commission on Marginally Producing Oil and Gas Wells, Mid-Continent Coal Bed Methane Symposium, International Energy Advocates, and the Tulsa Engineering Foundation. He served as the 2004 SPE/DOE Improved Oil Recovery Symposium and Exhibition General Chairman. He received the SPE Mid-Continent Regional Service Award in 2004.

He has served on the PE department's Industry Advisory Board since early 1990s and was chairman in 1998 – 2001. Ken has always played an active role in the board, including raising funds for undergraduate scholarships in 1990's. For more on Ken, visit:

[http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/people/alum\\_mon\\_nov\\_06.html](http://www.pe.utulsa.edu/people/alum_mon_nov_06.html)

Keep sending me your comments, suggestions and criticisms. Mohan