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President's Message

By Jay Gallet

There was once a time when people could speak their mind and know that they would receive due respect for their opinion. A time when, even if some folks would strongly disagree with you, they would at least respect you as a person and your right to strongly express your own opinion. Today it seems that if your opinion goes against the "politically correct" notion of things, you are automatically labeled as intolerant, old fashioned or maybe even stupid.

I recently ran across the following short article that seems to say it best. "In the older version of tolerance, the idea was something like this: "I might disagree profoundly with your argument or point of view or perspective on some matter, but I would insist on your right to articulate and defend your point of view. If I do that, I am considered, in the older view of tolerance, a tolerant person.

In the new view of tolerance, however, I have no strong views and you have no strong views. That makes us both tolerant persons. If I have strong views and articulate them, I am, by definition, intolerant. The person that takes this stance is no longer perceived as standing for something and thus in a sense heroic, but is merely bigoted, narrow, right wing, antiquarian." In a time when God, Family, and Country might seem old fashioned, it sure is a blessing to live in a place where we can feel free to openly and strongly express our beliefs about things that we feel are important.

Speaking of important, please remember to come out and support AADE at our Annual Sporting Clay Tournament and our Annual Golf Tournament. More on these events can be found later in the newsletter.

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AADE
presents...

"Chevron & the Gulf in 2005"
Dave Haddock, Manager
Well Engineering & Operations
ChevronTexaco

Originally from New Orleans, Dave has 26 years in the industry, with Texaco, then Gulf, then Chevron, and now ChevronTexaco. He has worked as Drilling Representative, Drilling Engineer, and Drilling Superintendent in the Gulf of Mexico, Rocky Mountains, and California.

He was the Drilling Manager in Bakersfield before coming back to New Orleans as the Drilling Engineering Manager for the Deepwater Gulf of Mexico Business Unit in 1999.

Last year Dave was selected for his current position as the Manager Well Engineering & Operations ChevronTexaco, Gulf of Mexico Business Unit.

Please join us on Wednesday, March 2nd for this presentation.

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Something to Think About

"In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock." - *Thomas Jefferson*

"What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?" - *Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Philosopher*

"The highest result of education is tolerance" - *Helen Keller*

"Laws alone can not secure freedom of expression; in order that every man present his views without penalty there must be spirit of tolerance in the entire population" - *Albert Einstein, US (German-born) physicist (1879 - 1955)*



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Saturday, March 19, 2005

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Dining, raffle drawing and
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For information about being a judge for the 3 degree divisions or donations, please contact Jack Charles (jack@dusted.net) or Dr. Ali Ghalambor (alig@louisiana.edu).

I Brought A Guest Drawing

AADE luncheons are an excellent place to bring your client for lunch. The food is good, the speaker is informative, and you just may win gift certificates for LaFonda's as well. The March meeting of the Lafayette AADE will recognize those who bring a guest to the luncheon and reward one for doing so. This drawing, sponsored by Sun Drilling Products, will be for two gift certificates, one for you, and one for your guest. The rules are simple, you treat your guest to lunch and your guest doesn't work with your company. Make your reservations early and do not come alone.



AADE Scholarship Sporting Clays Tournament

As of our entry deadline Friday, February 11th, we have filled all available team slots for this year's tournament. We're no longer accepting team applications. Thanks for your support

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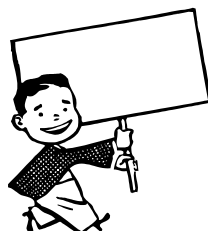
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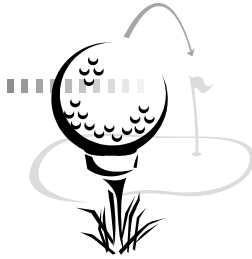
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"Save the Date!"

June 20th

If you thought the television not so reality show *The Swan* made changes to the participants, then be prepared to be impressed with the makeover to one of the Lafayette AADE Chapter's oldest event. Details will be sent to you via e-mail as soon as they are finalized and discussed at the March luncheon. But just think, LeTriomphe, a welcoming reception at Cypress Bayou Casino the evening before the tournament with excellent food, drink, and camaraderie provided, and lots of prizes.



**Department of Petroleum
Engineering
Industry Appreciation Crawfish Boil**

The 4th Annual Industry Appreciation Crawfish Boil will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2005, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, between Tigue Moore Baseball Field and Cajun Field. The cost for a ticket is \$10.00 which can be purchased from the ULL Petroleum Engineering office or from students at industry events.

For more information, contact Jonathon Boudreaux at sspepresident@yahoo.com or 337-322-2948.

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**2004 - 2005
Meeting Dates**

March 2, 2005
April 6, 2005
May 11, 2005

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Meeting Notice

DATE: Wednesday, March 2, 2005
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
PLACE: Petroleum Club of Lafayette
SPEAKER: Dave Haddock, ChevronTexaco
RESERVATIONS: Peggy Meynard @ 837-1877
or e-mail peggy.meynard@weatherford.com
by **12:00 p.m.** Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Members with reservations - \$15.00 -- All others - \$20.00