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Last Rodeo?

Since this is the last of April the first week of May can't be far behind. As is tradition new AADE officers will be elected at the May meeting. I'm sure the AADE Board led by Bob Freeman will have an excellent group of nominees to elect. Which also means this will be my last "President's Message". It has been a very enjoyable two years serving as the President of the New Orleans AADE chapter. During that time I have had the pleasure of working with an excellent group of fellow board members.

Like most successful organizations it is the total team that creates success, not just 1 or 2 individuals. And that is certainly the case with our AADE chapter officers. Nicole Baird has done an excellent job arranging speakers and running our technical forums. Kevin Ashley is hard at work on the Knowledge Box program and our educational outreach. Jim Miller keeps us all straight with the minutes of not only our local board meetings but the National Board as well, and Diane Miller is the best when it comes to keeping tack of what we raise and ensures it is spent wisely as per our mission and by-laws. It has been a pleasure working with such a fine group of fellow officers over the past two years.

Just so no one gets the idea that the officers drive this bus alone, there are committee reps that also do a great job; Bubba Hale is excellent working with the Student Chapter at Nichols State, as is Will Pecue at LSU. Our meetings do not run as well as they do with out the work of Alden Sonnier and Chad LeBlanc who handle the arrangements and Traci Stubbs who manages the newsletter and meeting attendance. Our sporting clay tournament would not happen if it were not for the efforts of Tommy Picou. Pokey Orr makes our social events happen, from the Fin-Feather-Fur-Food-Fest to the Christmas Program, thanks Pokey.

Finally every successful organization has one leader that more often than not does "drive the bus;" for AADE in New Orleans that "driver" is Bob Freeman. Bob's support of AADE over the last two years has been excellent. Anyone who has ever worked on an AADE event over the past few years will agree that Bob is the heart and soul of the New Orleans AADE chapter, from the Golf Tournament, to serving on the National Board to seeking out candidates for officers and key roles in the organization Bob makes it happen. With out his nearly constant attention to detail (Yeah I know, NSU and LSU and Student

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Upcoming technical events - New Orleans AADE Chapter

May 4th - Monthly Speaker Session Topic (11:30 am - 1:00 pm)

“Impacts of the 2004/2005 hurricane season and the current activities that the industry is progressing to address”

June 1st - Annual Technical Forum (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)

“Finding ‘harmony’ in today’s environment; Striking a balance between risk & reward to optimize well execution”

The focus is thus looking at potential ‘soft’ issues, such as people & planning, along with ‘hard’ elements in terms of tools / technology applications / procedures by which the industry is attempting to improve operational excellence. The forum is scheduled to be a half day event (on June 1st), with a panel discussion during lunch.

Calendar of Events

May 4th	Monthly Luncheon Meeting Holiday Inn Superdome “Election of Officers for 2006-2007 will be conducted at the meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2006”.
May 5th	AADE New Orleans Golf Tournament Carter Plantation, Springfield, LA
June 1st	Technical Forum Holiday Inn Superdome
June 8th	11th Annual Fin, Feather & Fur Food Festival Board of Trade Building – New Orleans, LA

Please note that our October meeting will be held the second Thursday of the month which is October 12th.

·Please contact Traci Stubbs at 504-593-6760 or email to traci.stubbs@halliburton.com. The luncheon fees are \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

You can pay your \$15 membership at the same time you pay for lunch.

Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance of each monthly luncheon event.

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Sections, NOT CHAPTERS) and guidance AADE would be a fraction of what it is in New Orleans. Thanks Bob.

As for me I will still be very active in AADE. Old ex-Presidents do not fade away, they go to the Steering Committee and take on their pet projects! For me that is bringing the 2009 AADE national convention to New Orleans and seeing the Knowledge Box program continue to grow. If you are interested in helping with the effort to run the National Convention, Please let me know.

For now, stay safe and stay dry

Joseph Leimkuhler

11th Annual Fin, Feather & Fur Food Festival

June 8, 2006

Tickets were sold during the April 6th luncheon and we are now looking forward to good weather and fellowship. We’ll see one and all on June 8th.