

IADC CONNECTION

IADC Houston Chapter donates to charity



Anthony Gallegos, left, Atwood Oceanics and Chairman of IADC Houston Chapter, and Jim Nowotny, Atwood Oceanics, present a check for \$40,000 to Tina Colaco, Director of Just Like Us, Inc, a Houston charity that provides equipment and services to benefit severely disabled children. IADC Houston Chapter has donated to disabled children for more than a dozen years.

The IADC Houston Chapter recently donated \$40,000 to Just Like Us, Inc, a charity that provides equipment and services to benefit severely disabled children in special programs at T H Rogers School, part of the Houston Independent School District.

"We raised more than \$23,500 of the total through the Silent Auction held during our annual dinner," said Chapter Chairman **Anthony Gallegos**, Manager of Business Development for **Atwood Oceanics, Inc.** "A lot of hard work went into organizing the silent auction, and the co-chairmen for that event, **Jim Nowotny**, Atwood Oceanics, **Pat Haygood**, **Ambar Lone Star Fluid Services**, and **Paul Kessler**, **Nabors Offshore**, along with many other volunteers, deserve special credit."

"The Houston Chapter of the IADC has selflessly worked for over a dozen years to enhance the lives of children with disabilities without stipulating how that will happen," said Just Like Us Director **Tina Colaco**. "This freedom allows programs to develop and items to be purchased as they are needed and has changed the lives of hundreds of children."

With the IADC Houston Chapter funding, Just Like Us was able to provide equipment enabling non-verbal children to communicate. In addition, the donation will be used to purchase a new device designed to improve mobility of wheelchair-bound children. The device supports the child's upper torso above a slow-moving treadmill. This \$6,000 device will provide an opportunity for children to build muscles, bear weight and learn the "technique" of walking. Other communications devices purchased with IADC-provided funds were on display throughout the library. HISD speech pathologists and special-education professionals demonstrated for the IADC visitors an age-appropriate communication "game" that will involve the parents, teachers, neighbors, and other community members with team members as they perfect their communication skills.

Just Like Us, Inc. is volunteer-operated with 100% of the funds it receives benefitting the children it serves. The charity is also involved with a new project called the Life Resource Center (LRC), providing after-school care, vocational training, day habilitation, rehab, and respite for caregivers.

WellCAP Plus mini-pilot

A one-day "mini-pilot" of the proposed WellCAP Plus program was held 12 March at the Transocean Houston Training Center. Feedback from the mini-pilot will be used to refine the program. A real-time four-day full course pilot is set for July in Lafayette, LA. Previews of the program will be provided at the Well Control Conference of the Americas in Albuquerque in October and the International Well Control Conference in Dubai in December. WellCAP Plus is designed to focus on advanced well control students utilizing a facilitated team approach.

The mini-pilot was facilitated by **Ron Fuqua, BP**; **John Smith**, Louisiana State University; and **Gary Nance**, **Randy Smith Training Solutions**, all members of the WellCAP Plus development team.

Well control kill sheet

The IADC Well Control Committee formed a workgroup to develop a standardized IADC well control kill sheet. As with certain manuals that have been preapproved for use with WellCAP, the kill sheet would be made available to well control schools but they would remain free to develop and use sheets of their own design. The workgroup is chaired by **Ed Geissler**, **Nabors International**. Other members include **Frank Klepper**, **Petroleum College International**; **Dwayne McClelland**, **ChevronTexaco**; **Gary Nance**, **Randy Smith Training Solutions**; **Steve Vorenkamp**, **Well Control Schools**; and **Hal Kendall**, **Noble Corporation**.

The work group is scheduled to report on its progress at the next meeting of the Well Control Committee scheduled for 23 June at Unocal.

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2004 South Central Asia Chapter Officers elected

The following were elected 2004 officers:

- Chairman: **N Lal**, **Oil & Natural Gas Corporation**;
- Vice Chairman: **Arun Karle**, **Askara Enterprise**;
- Technical Member: **DD Jaju**, **Reliance Industries**;
- Legal Advisor: **Sam Burjonji Jijina**, **Mulla & Cragie Blunt & Caroe**;
- Treasurer: **MK Soni**.