

## Dallas Section Celebrates 55th Anniversary

The SPE Dallas Section, established on 18 March 1953, celebrated its 55th anniversary at a luncheon held on 19 March 2008. The celebration was attended by 64 members, including 10 chairpersons, and featured a cake that displayed the SPE logo.

Danny Bell, Exploitation Engineering Manager for Exco Resources, SPE Dallas Section Chairperson, presented certificates to seven 2008 SPE Legion of Honor members who attended the event. Recipients were Roy Keene, Ray Marr, Thomas Laverty, Ronald Clark, Glenn Jones, Forrest Hoglund, and William Cupit. Former SPE Dallas Section chairpersons in attendance also were recognized.

The luncheon also featured Mark Day, Senior Construction Engineering Advisor, Devon Energy, who spoke about a project in which the company raised two platforms in the Eugene Island area of the Gulf of Mexico.



**Former and current SPE Dallas Section chairpersons were recognized at the SPE Dallas Section 55th anniversary luncheon celebration. From left to right: Rick Bjorck 1988–89; Frank Robl 1989–90; Deacon Marek 2004–05; Herb Bell 1999–2000; Danny Bell 2007–08; Peggy Tibbetts 2003–04; Bill LaRoche 1975; Betsy Cook 1997–98; Paul Sztatkowski 2001–02; and Steve Grape 2008–09.**

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# Chennai Section Celebrates SPE's 50th Anniversary

The SPE Chennai Section recently held a golden jubilee celebration in honor of SPE's 50th anniversary. A.K. Hazarika, SPE New Delhi Section Chairperson, the guest of honor, discussed his hopes for an increase in younger members and stressed greater industry/academia collaboration. He commented on the commitment of Ali H. Al-Hasan, SPE Director Middle East Region, who flew to India and participated in the celebration at his section in New Delhi. Hazarika also announced that SPE would be opening a new section in Bangalore.

The SPE Chennai Section recognized two SPE members for their distinguished service to the petroleum industry: T.S. Vijayaraghavan,

whose policy framing at India's Petroleum Ministry brought about greater participation of private players in the industry, and K. Narayanan, a geologist and authority on government regulation, who served as an adviser to the governments of India, Tanzania, and Norway besides serv-

ing in the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

The golden jubilee celebration was attended by more than 200 people and included Bollywood dance, classical, and Carnatic music. SPE members also enjoyed rope tricks, vanishing acts, and mind reading by a magician.



**A.K. Hazarika, SPE New Delhi Section Chairperson, speaks at the golden jubilee held by the SPE Chennai Section to celebrate SPE's 50th anniversary.**

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