

## **Chapter 72 Region 3**

### **Fall Forum Report**

Hello. As the new President of Chapter 72 I am glad to fill this position in this fine organization. My predecessor has resigned due to a family members declining health. I will continue to consult with Ron to keep him abreast of the condition of the Chapter and to continue our friendship we share.

We will go forward with improving our efforts to bolster of membership. We have many ideas to get this done. Some have been tried and succeeded and we hopefully will find some new ones that will work also. We will not tell you all of our secrets.

As the new President, I feel a little intimidated by all of the expertise of the other Presidents within the Region. I was advanced into this 9 months earlier that I had planned. My grasp of the financials is lacking but I have a great Secretary/Treasurer to help me with this. The committees are all working well and if it isn't broke then I won't try to fix it.

The one thing our chapter is concerned about is the loss of face-to-face time in the classroom for the courses offered. It seems more and more people are electing to do the on-line courses. Technology today has brought a decline in the numbers we would like to see inside of the classroom. The one-on-one time and the "War Stories" cannot be done effectively on-line. But we must go into the future with an open mind and do our best, which leads me into this next part very excited.

We, as a Chapter have a great opportunity to be on the ground floor of a new set of courses that hopefully will be developed in the Oil and Gas Education/Certification Pilot Project. This was brought to our attention just before the Region 3 Fall Forum in Minneapolis, MN. Our part will be to help support the project and do whatever field work we are asked to help with. This is a great opportunity for us, the gas and oil community, and the IRWA to serve the public.

We will offer the 201 Course in Deadwood, SD this year with Carol Brooks being the Facilitator. We would like to have around 20 to 30 participants for this 3-day class. The dates for this is January 24, 25, 26 with the Chapter meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.