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North Sea Chapter Supports Aberdeen Children's Society



Pictured with children and play leaders at one of the Aberdeen Children's Society Holiday Fun Club sessions from left, are Mark Burns, Noble Drilling, Vice-Chairman, IADC North Sea Chapter; Wes McDonald, Rowan Drilling, Chairman; and Alasdair Rutherford, Voluntary Service Aberdeen.

The IADC North Sea Chapter continued its support for local charity Voluntary Service Aberdeen by choosing Aberdeen Children's Society as the main beneficiary from a charity collection at its Annual Safety Awards Ceremony on 16 May.

"Each year we try to raise funds for local charities at our Annual Safety Awards Ceremony which is held to honor the best safety performers in our industry," said **Wes McDonald**, Chairman of the IADC North Sea Chapter.

"This year we were again heartened by the amount of money raised through personal donations from those attending the event," Mr McDonald continued, "and are therefore very happy to be able to present a

check for £1,500 to the Aberdeen Children's Society."

"Aberdeen Children's Society relies on the support of the local community to continue tackling poverty, disability and distress in the local area," said **Alasdair Rutherford**, Marketing & Fundraising Officer for Voluntary Service Aberdeen.

"While children with disabilities can sometimes miss out on the fun and freedom that other children enjoy," he said, "the support of the IADC North Sea Chapter will help us to provide Saturday and Holiday Fun Clubs through the coming year, where children with special needs can meet, mix and enjoy themselves like other youngsters." ■

Houston Chapter scholarships

The IADC Houston Chapter this year is awarding nearly twice as many scholarships to deserving petroleum engineering students than in previous years.

Twenty-six students at Texas Tech University, University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University will receive \$3,000 each from the Chapter this year.

"These students are the future of the petroleum industry, and it is up to today's leaders to encourage their studies," said Houston Chapter Chairman **Darryl Smith** of **Atwood Oceanics**.

"Unfortunately, the number of petroleum engineering programs offered at universities around the country is shrinking, and so are the number of students enrolling," Mr Smith said.

"We hope that our scholarships will encourage these students to continue their studies as petroleum engineers."

Mr Smith credited **Dick Polk**, **New Tech Engineering**, who, as Scholarship Chairman, has dedicated significant amounts of time to interviewing and assessing students and petroleum engineering programs.

Any junior or senior petroleum engineering major in a Texas college or university is eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Most of the scholarship funds are raised through the Chapter's popular golf tournament.

This year's tournament, the 15th annual, was held 12 Sept at Cypresswood Golf Club.

For scholarship information, contact Mr Polk at 281-447-4330 (dpolk@newtecheng.com). ■

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