EDITORIAL
A New Editor and a New Organization

There is a new name on our masthead. This issue of Oil-Industry History has been published by the Petroleum History Institute (PHI) and not the Drake Well Foundation (DWF). The DWF Board felt that the Foundation's mission had been fulfilled and it was time for a new organization to assume the role of furthering and supporting the history of the petroleum industry, including the publication of this journal. For a short history of the DWF, please refer to “Drake Well Foundation” by Samuel T. Pees (Oil-Industry History, v. 1, no. 1, p 2.). Thus, by the action of the DWF Board of Directors on June 28, 2003, the Drake Well Foundation (DWF) ceased to exist, and the new Petroleum History Institute was created. A review of the details of this transformation can be found in this issue (p. 2).

Also, the DWF Board of Directors appointed a new editor for Oil-Industry History, and the Board expresses its gratitude to the first and founding editor, Dr. Gerald M. Friedman, and to the assistant editor, Anne M. Woods, for creating Oil-Industry History; the only journal devoted exclusively to the history of the petroleum industry.

The articles in this issue come from the symposium held in Shreveport, Louisiana March 26-29, 2003. Dr. Mary Barrett of Centenary College (Shreveport) was the symposium organizer and created a wonderful meeting. The participants were treated to marvelous papers, as this issue will attest, three great field trips in three different states, and fabulous meals, including a traditional Louisiana cat-fish fry; true southern hospitality at its best, donated by the Caddo-Pine Island Oil & Historical Society. Everyone owes Dr. Mary Barrett a large THANK YOU for her creative work with the organization of the symposium.

Also thanks to Dr. Barrett’s efforts, for the first time a Drake Well Foundation oil history symposium had corporate sponsorship. In addition, sponsor support has helped defray the costs of this issue of Oil-Industry History. We here, again, express our public appreciation to these sponsors for their support of the symposium and volume 4 of this journal:

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The Symposium participants would, also, wish me to acknowledge the kindness of Mr. George A. Khoury, The George A. Koury Foundation, for providing all of us with special tee-shirts from the Oil and Gas Museum on the evening of our fish fry at Oil City.

In closing, I want to extend a note of appreciation to Dr. Gregory Good, Editor of Earth Sciences History, for his many helpful suggestions, and to Ms. Angela Smith, the Instructional Technology Specialist at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, for her assistance in leading me through the maze of technological difficulties I encountered. And my thanks go to Bill Conradi of Allen Press for his guidance. Finally, I, also, want to add my personal note of thanks to Dr. Gerry Friedman for his leadership in creating Oil-Industry History.

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