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There are many words to describe a FIRST Excellence Award Winner. The 2008 recipients (literally) embodied some of those words at our photo shoot in May.

ALL SYSTEMS GO
The Discoverer Clear Leader, Transocean’s first enhanced Enterprise-class drillship, has all the bells and whistles to achieve outstanding results for client Chevron in the Gulf of Mexico. As the rig prepared to go on contract in June, Beacon’s Guy Cantwell went on location to hear the “sounds of success.”
Dear co-worker:

A few days ago, we announced that early next year, our current President and COO Steven Newman will replace me as the CEO of Transocean. I’ve had a long, wonderful and exciting career here at Transocean that’s spanned more than 33 years, and it’s now the right time to make this transition. There is no better team to be a part of than Transocean’s, and with Steven’s talent and leadership, I know that your future is a bright one. You’ll continue to hear from me in the coming months, and learn a lot more about Steven!

And in this issue of Beacon, you’ll learn a lot more about our 2008 FIRST Excellence Award recipients, who in 2008 stood out from their peers in demonstrating a commitment to our FIRST Core Values – the very foundation of our success as a business.

We’ve now been conducting the FIRST Excellence Awards for 10 years, and I’ve watched with pride as the list of recipients has grown. To date, 90 individuals, 49 rigs (and remember: a rig award is really given to hundreds of people who operate and support it), one team and even an entire region have been FIRST Excellence Award recipients. Please enjoy reading about this year’s FEA group who I had the pleasure of getting to know in Houston this spring.

I can’t talk about our FIRST Core Values without immediately thinking of Mike Hall, our former VP of Newbuilds. We were deeply saddened by Mike’s untimely death in June, following a multiple coronary bypass surgery in Houston. I had the privilege to speak at Mike’s funeral where I said that if we did not have a rule against Transocean officers receiving our FIRST Excellence Award, Mike undoubtedly would have received this honor. There’s a tribute to Mike on page 25 that I hope you’ll like.

But there’s another tribute to Mike, and his entire Newbuilds team, in this issue. The Discoverer Clear Leader, our first enhanced Enterprise-class drillship, began operations for client Chevron in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico in August. Read more about what it took to achieve this milestone on page 20.

As we head into fall, I look forward to seeing many of you in the regions I plan to visit. As always, I encourage everyone to remain focused on our core values and achieving our safety vision of an incident-free workplace.

Bob Long
CEO
MEASURING OUR SUCCESS

Feedback, statistics, achievements, media mentions and more.

INBOX: Letters from our customers

Transocean Searcher - Norway
There was a beautiful piece of work ongoing at Transocean Searcher this weekend. Concerning performance/ROP and consistency in operations, it is simply brilliantly delivered. I could not wait with making something underlining this. It will be presented in the B&B management meeting tomorrow [June 16, 2009]. This is a great achievement. Congratulations to ALL of you!

Kjetil Bekkeheien, DWS Performance Management, StatoilHydro

GSF Galaxy II - North Sea
The Galaxy II is now off hire at the end of the longest drilling programme in Centrica’s history.

Over the last ten and a half months we have had to deal with a number of unexpected technical issues, which have necessitated quick responses and changes to plan. We had to move back and forth between platform wells, we had well control events, and we filled your rig up with platform modification workforce. The Galaxy II team has taken all this in stride and provided rock-steady support to all our operations, regardless of how disruptive they were.

The highlight of the campaign has been the attitude and cooperation from the crews. Our drilling team (PDL) tell us it is the best attitude any of them have ever come across from a rig crew. This includes the drill crew, deck crew, marine and maintenance team, and the catering and stewards, and is not limited to looking after the client. All the service teams have commented on the attitude of the Transocean crews and the help that they’ve been given. Even with the gradual changeover from the original Canadian crew to British crews the general feel of the rig has not been affected greatly, probably because most of the senior people remain unchanged.

The cooperation and “can do” attitude cascades down into the safety culture. Doing the job safely has always been the priority, and safe ways of doing the job were always engineered. As a result there was never an issue on the rig where we were told that we couldn’t do something. We’ve had to develop procedures and plan equipment to deal with problems, but the overriding message has always been positive. The outcome from all this has been that we have not had one serious incident throughout the campaign. Yes, we have had a few first aid cases and one medical treatment case, but all have been at the individual level, and of a minor nature, and in every case, positive actions were immediately taken to minimise the risk of a similar occurrence.

Working with the GSF Galaxy II and Transocean has been a very positive experience, and everyone who has been involved has gained something from the attitude and culture of the team.

On behalf of Centrica and PDL, please pass on our thanks to the whole team – the rig crews, the rig management and the back-room teams too.

Martin Bennett
Project Manager, Grove Extension and Seven Seas, Centrica

GSF Jack Ryan - Nigeria
The last four trees run by the GSF Jack Ryan has been the best performance for Total to date!

Eric Delatte
Akpo Drilling and Completion Manager, Total

Sedco 711 - North Sea
I have to say that after looking through the recent trainee reports, it is becoming more and more apparent that the quality and type of training available for our new starts for their hands-on training on the 711 needs to be commended. The training has good structure and it appears that there is a real buy in from the Transocean crews, all the way to the TPs. This type of quality training and commitment can only but reap benefits for our young engineers, for yourself, and your DSV’s offshore. This is an invaluable contribution toward our wells training programme. We appreciate the Transocean effort on this.

Ian McDonalD
Senior Well Engineer, Shell

> The Sedco 711 also achieved a safety milestone in May 2009. Check out the Safety Milestones section. Go team 711!

Yann Ledru, OIM, Sedco Express - Angola
We would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank Yann Ledru for his dedication and unswerving duty in ensuring we could complete our recent coil tubing operations safely and expeditiously. Had it not been for Yann and his team, the leak we observed during the final pressure test of the Coil tubing reel connection would have resulted in extended downtime. His adeptness in ensuring a safe and acceptable solution was founded on serving the interests of all parties and serves to show the engendering of team spirit we have become accustomed to and continues to be driven by members of the rig’s leadership team like Yann.

So on behalf of BP we’d like to pass our thanks and appreciation to Yann who continues to ensure we all follow the safety and operational vision of the Sedco Express-driven Greater Plutonio wells project.

Greg Bloome
Wells Project Manager, BP, Greater Plutonio

Transocean Rather - North Sea
BP West of Shetland operations have continued to demonstrate good well delivery with the Transocean Rather. Throughout the last year, the rig has continued to beat its performance targets; the last well drilled (Foinaven P16z) exceeded best-in-class drilling targets and resulted in top quartile performance. The completion of the same well also shattered previous records by four days. This performance can be attributed to the Technical Limit process developed with the rig by engaging the rig crew and service partners in the planning phase, and continuing their engagement throughout offshore operations. The rig crew has become stronger throughout the BP contract and has resulted in a great performance culture.

Dom Cumberlege
Well Team Leader, BP
GSF Labrador - North Sea
I wanted to communicate to you and the crew on the rig our views on the performance of the Labrador and crews during Well 48/25c-6. Our main objectives for this well were achieved. I am particularly pleased with the safety performance of the crews. There were some serious issues to manage, with leaking tanks, new equipment, an H2S gas kick and the usual issues of managing all the equipment associated with five hole sections and a potential well test. Despite these challenges, the operations team offshore achieved all of this with a minor First Aid Case only. We recognize that this performance is a function of the Transocean systems and the hard work of the supervision and crews offshore. During the time I have spent offshore, I have been impressed with the good levels of communication and cooperation displayed by the offshore team.

Thank you for a job well done. I would appreciate if you could send this letter offshore to the crews.

BRYAN ATCHISON
Drilling Manager, Silverstone Energy

GSF Arctic IV - North Sea
To all of those involved in the Ettrick E6 well programme, on behalf of the Nexen Management team, I would like to thank everyone for a safe and successful Drilling & Completions campaign, on what has been one of the more complex wells in our current programme.

This was the first completion we have run with selective sliding sleeves to allow production from intervals with different formation pressures. A great deal of detailed planning went into the delivery of this well and it is very rewarding for everyone to see the well functioning and producing as it was designed to do. Well done to all involved.

COLIN GIBSON
Drilling & Completions Manager, Nexen Petroleum UK Ltd.

Istiglal, Dada Gorgud and Azerbaijan Office
We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to Transocean for the successful completion of many years of excellent service managing and operating the two MODUs (Istiglal and Dada Gorgud) on behalf of Caspian Drilling Company (CDC). BP Exploration (Caspian Sea) Limited recognizes that only through the hard work by the Transocean team working closely with BP were we able to complete our exploration and development objectives.

As the Transocean team embarks on new challenges elsewhere in the world, please remember the indelible footprint your legacy has left here in Azerbaijan both with the exploration work by the Istiglal and also the development work by the Dada Gorgud in the ACG projects.

CECIL CHESHIER
Operations Superintendent, Istiglal

TOMMY SIGMUNSTAD
Shah Deniz

GARY CHRISTMAN
Vice President – Drilling, Completions & Interventions, BP – Azerbaijan

GSF High Island VII - Cameroon
In recognition to the staff of GSF High Island VII for their valuable contribution to the three years without Lost Time Injury during the 2006 - 2009 Total E&P Cameroon offshore drilling campaign.

PIERRE BANG
Directeur Général, Total

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READ MORE ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE MILESTONES THAT HELPED PROVE THE COMPACT DRILLER TEAM IS RIGHT FOR THE JOB!

The Sedco 711 was recognized in EAU’s June Newsletter as the Europe and Africa Unit’s (EAU) Rig of the Quarter for Second Quarter 2009, as being the best performer for April, May and June. The rig has performed with high standards of safety and operational excellence. The D.R. Stewart and the Transocean Leader were named EAU’s Rig of the Month for May and April, respectively. Rigs are selected based on performance across a variety of areas, including QHSE, downtime, maintenance issues, client feedback, training and development, and finance.

The Transocean Searcher was named “Rig of the Month” by client StatoilHydro in April 2009.

Centrica’s Grove Extension Project, with drilling services provided by the GSF Galaxy II, was recognized by Centrica in March as being the company’s best project over the past year. “This recognition should be celebrated by all the team who delivered a great result and safely for our client,” said Doug McEwan, Rig Manager, Performance. “Let’s all strive together to make each client’s projects a success just like this!”

The GSF Compact Driller received a new three-year contract working offshore Thailand for client Chevron commencing in April 2009.
SAFETY MILESTONES

The GSF Rig 105 achieved 18 years without a Serious Injury Case (SIC) on July 5, 2009.

GSF Main Pass I achieved 13 years without a Serious Injury Case on March 13, 2009.

GSF Rig 103 achieved six years without a Serious Injury Case (SIC) on Feb. 28, 2009.

Trident 14 achieved four years without a Serious Injury Case (SIC) on June 22, 2009.

Transocean Rather achieved one year without a recordable incident on June 25, 2009.

The Deepwater Navigator achieved two years without a recordable incident on July 15, 2009.

The GSF Grand Banks achieved four years (nearly a million man hours) without an SIC on July 9, 2009.

The Cajun Express achieved one year without a recordable incident on July 4, 2009.

The GSF Compact Driller on May 21, 2009, achieved one year without a recordable incident working for client Chevron. Chevron Drilling Superintendent Chase Hinson presented a plaque to the crew during a pre-tour meeting.

The Sedco 710 achieved 1,000 days (almost three years!) without a recordable incident on June 10, 2009. Here is a shot of the drilling and deck crew at a recent pre-tour meeting.

The Harvey H. Ward achieved one year without a recordable incident on June 30, 2009.

The GSF Adriatic IX achieved three years without a recordable incident on May 2, 2009.

The Polar Pioneer achieved one year without a recordable incident on May 6, 2009.

The Transocean Arctic achieved one year without a recordable incident on May 8, 2009.

The Sedco 711 achieved one year without a Serious Injury Case (SIC) on May 21, 2009.

The GSF High Island V achieved one year without a recordable incident on June 16, 2009.

The Discoverer Spirit achieved four years without a Serious Injury Case (SIC) on April 17, 2009.

The Trident 6 achieved one year without a recordable incident in April.

GSF Rig 127 achieved two years without a Serious Injury Case (SIC) on April 23, 2009.

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The Sedco 711 achieved one year without a Serious Injury Case (SIC) on May 21, 2009.

The GSF Galaxy achieved three years without a recordable incident on March 26, 2009.

The Deepwater Horizon achieved six years without a Serious Injury Case (SIC) on February 28, 2009.

GSF Rig 134 achieved five years without a recordable incident on March 3, 2009.

SAFETY SNAPSHOT

by Unit and Division YTD July 31, 2009

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Congratulations to the Norway Division for the best YTD safety performance!

*Total Recordable Incident Rate per 200,000 hours worked.
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HEALEDNERS

Media Mentions

The May 2009 issue of E&P magazine featured an article submitted by the late Mike Hall, VP of Newbuilds, in a “Deepwater Rig Advances” section. The article, titled New ultra-deepwater horizons, discussed Transocean’s enhanced Enterprise-class drillships. Read the full article at beaconmag.com.

The April 2009 issue of Brasil Energia featured several Transocean rigs working in the Brazil region on its cover, including the GSF Celtic Sea, the Deepwater Millennium, the Deepwater Discovery, and the Sovereign Explorer.
Trinidad and Tobago Sector Joins NAM Division

The company’s Trinidad and Tobago Sector, which includes the operation of currently two jackups, joined the company’s North America Division (NAM) on July 1 in a move to ease logistics, technical support and promote client relations.

The sector was previously part of the South America Division (SAM), which, due to recent growth offshore Brazil, is managing a much bigger operation than ever before.

Integration Update

To achieve some of the benefits envisioned at the time of the merger, a tremendous amount of time, energy and expense was committed to ensure that all personnel are operating on the same set of processes and applications. This effort has been guided by the “Move and Lift” principle of first bringing both companies to a common set of processes and applications, and then enhancing those processes and applications to enable Transocean to retain a market-leader position in the industry. Read more about the prioritized “Move and Lift” initiatives at beaconmag.com.

All project Web pages can be accessed via the Integration section of RIGCentral: www.rigcentral.com/integration.

Two Thumbs – Er, Hands – WAY Up!

You’ve got to hand it to the team on the Deepwater Horizon: when client BP asked their service providers to put together a campaign to promote awareness of hand safety, the entire crew – led by producer, editor (and rig DPO) Nathan Roche – participated in putting together a music video encouraging co-workers to “keep your hands clear” while performing tasks.

Filled with popular music and custom lyrics, the crew rapped, danced and “raised the roof” in support of hand safety.

The video is being duplicated and DVDs will be sent to Transocean rigs for employees to enjoy. You can also view the video at www.beaconmag.com, accessible from any computer with an internet connection.

Hibiscus Back on Contract in Indonesia Following Shipyard Work

The Hibiscus, an inland swamp barge, recently completed three months at a shipyard in Surabaya, Indonesia, where it underwent re-certification work and other repairs.

The rig was back on location in Balikpapan, Indonesia, earlier in July, successfully raising the derrick, re-installing the drilling equipment and commissioning the rig to return to work without incident or injury. The rig returned to work for client Total Indonesia on July 15. Congratulations to the Hibiscus crews for safe efforts and hard work.

PROTECT YOUR HANDS

If you need copies of the DVD, require a different format or have questions, contact Corporate Communications at corporatecommunications@deepwater.com.

HIGH FIVE!

As of June 30, 2009, five rigs operating in the North America Division had reported zero hand or finger injuries so far this year: Grand Banks, Henry Goodrich, Deepwater Nautilus, Discoverer Spirit and the JOIDES Resolution. Congratulations!
Newbuild drillships Dhirubhai Deepwater KG-1 and the Discoverer Clear Leader, working on opposite sides of the world, each commenced operations the week of August 10.

The DDKG1, working offshore India under a five-year drilling contract with Reliance Industries Limited, is the first of two ultra-deepwater newbuild drillships owned by a joint venture with Pacific Drilling Limited. The company currently expects that Reliance will sublet the rig for the first four years of the contract to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, and that Reliance will operate the rig for the fifth year of the contract.

Read more about the Discoverer Clear Leader, Transocean’s first enhanced Enterprise-class drillship, on page 20.

Discoverer Inspiration Naming Ceremony

Another formal “naming ceremony” took place in Okpo, Korea, on July 20, this time to celebrate the completion of the construction process on drillship Discoverer Inspiration, Transocean’s third of five enhanced Enterprise-class newbuilds being built at DSME shipyard.

Polar Pioneer Upgraded at Norway Shipyard

Transocean’s semisubmersible Polar Pioneer was headed back offshore in July following a more than three-month, $100 million upgrade and commissioning at Bergen Group’s Hanøytangen yard. The 24-year-old rig is now in top condition for client StatoilHydro as it begins a new assignment.

With a 30-member Transocean project team and about 2,400 workers (sometimes 800 per day), the rig was equipped with a new deck crane, driller’s cabin and mud mixing facility, and there was a major change out of piping, including the steam system, hydraulics and cooling water. The control system was modified and new rectifiers were installed, and the entire external hull was painted.

And no rest for the weary! Next up: The Transocean Arctic comes in for similar upgrades and repairs late this summer. ✫
AMU Marine Supervisors Address Tough Issues at Marine Meetings in Houston

More than 60 of the North and South America Business Unit’s Masters and Marine Supervisors attended one of the marine meetings held in Houston on April 21-23 and May 12-14, 2009, where participants provided invaluable feedback and asked challenging questions regarding many significant marine matters facing them and their Marine crews offshore.

“The impressive aspect of this meeting to me is the pool of experience that was amassed,” said Jim Brekke, Director, Marine Support. “What other company could pull together this many captains/marine supervisors at one time? And this was just AMU!”

Various Managers, Directors, and VPs of Performance, Asset, New Builds and Engineering also were in attendance to outline the company’s expectations of marine personnel.

Topics and discussions resulted in a list of action items that, when addressed and resolved, will help ensure Transocean remains the premier offshore drilling contractor. You can find a list of these action items and find all meeting presentations at RIGCentral>AMU>Marine.

The meeting, deemed a success by all involved, stressed the importance of communication, lateral learning and provided networking opportunities to attendees.

The AMU team reports that good progress is being made toward addressing and resolving many of the meeting’s action items with expectations of continued success throughout the year, and anticipates similar meetings in the future.

John MacDonald, AMU Marine Operations Manager, organized the meetings.

Some of the Topics Covered

- Minimum safe manning
- Watertight integrity
- Lifeboats
- Training of DPOs and BCOs
- Lessons learned from recent incidents
- Rig and Well Operations manuals
- Shipyard and Upgrade Projects “Scope of Work”
- TSTPs
- Amalgamation of Masters and OIMs positions
- Marine organization

Transocean Ends Successful Operation in Azerbaijan

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There are many words to describe a FIRST Excellence Award recipient, and this year - the 10th anniversary of the awards - we asked each recipient to represent just a few of the words that have come to define the people, installations and groups who have earned this recognition over the past decade. We hope you’ll enjoy meeting this year’s recipients as much as we did when they came to Houston in May 2009. They’ll leave you, in a word, speechless! 🌟
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INTEROCEAN III
Accepting: Youssry Hassan, Barge Master and Ron Davis, OIM Egypt and Middle East Division

One thing’s for certain: it takes teamwork to secure an FEA three years in a row, an unprecedented achievement in the history of the award. In recognition of this, the rig sent not just one, but two representatives to pick up their FEA.

“I think all of our guys give 100 percent to live by the FIRST Core Values,” said Ron. “We’ve got some really good people and that’s what it’s all about.”

“We achieved this award by implementing all the tools like THINK and START – every day,” said Youssry. “And I tell you something ... it’s all about the people.”

On winning the award (again and again and again): “It’s just like somebody telling you your house won house of the city,” said Ron, who has worked on the rig for eight years. “I mean, it’s my home. It’s my family. I am really, really pleased.”

GSF RIG 134
Accepting: Ranjit Singh, RSTC Far East and Australia Division

With five years incident-free, eight years without an LTI, a Potential Severity Rate of zero, and just 13 hours of downtime in all of 2008, the crews on the GSF Rig 134 have reason to be proud. Add a repeat performance as a FIRST Excellence Award recipient (the crew also received an award for 2007), and Ranjit Singh, RSTC, who was chosen to accept the award on the rig’s behalf, really had reason to celebrate.

“These results would not have been achieved without some real team spirit, and the culture and pride that have been kept alive despite high turnover and recent changes,” said Deepak Munganahalli, Sr. Vice President of the Asia and Pacific business unit.

Proud
In a challenging role as Human Resources Manager in what has been a rapidly growing operation in South America over the past year, Adriana says that she utilizes the company’s FIRST core values on a daily basis to achieve one very important result: bringing people together.

“You have to be able to be positive about things and bring your people together,” she said. “There’s no other way to get great results, and I use every single core value on a daily basis to ensure my team delivers the best.”

And it’s no surprise why she likes working for Transocean: it’s the opportunity to meet different people, she says.
GSF MAGELLAN
Accepting: Richard Langton, OIM
North Sea & Mediterranean Division

As the OIM on jackup GSF Magellan, Dick is responsible for the day-to-day operations on the rig, which in 2008 resulted in achievements including zero recordable incidents, zero serious near hits, 349 “perfect days,” and a full implementation of Transocean’s safety systems and procedures – all while beating Transocean’s performance targets by 39 percent. But when congratulated for these achievements, which also resulted in a 2008 “Rig of the Year” award from client Shell, Richard, a 15-year employee of Transocean, kindly demurs.

“I mean, I’m just the guy collecting the award,” Richard said. “It’s the teamwork that’s got us it. It’s an excellent team of people that’s risen to every challenge.”

VINAYAK LOTLIKAR
Logistics Manager
India Division

With rigs spread across both the east and west coasts of India requiring support, and three yards to manage onshore – including the Mumbai Yard that was honored with an FEA last year – Vinayak is no stranger to hard work.

He’s also no stranger to working safely. In 2008 the Mumbai Yard achieved five years without a recordable incident, and the Goa and Kakinada yards each achieved two years without a recordable incident.

“The moment I received this award, I knew it was because of the hard work of the people who have been working with me and for me, day in and day out,” Vinayak said. “I dedicate this award to all of the supply chain in India.”

With his strong track record, Vinayak has begun a new challenge working as Logistics Manager in the West Africa South Division.
SUDEEP BANERJEE
Buyer KG1/KG2, Newbuilds
Houston

With a tight deadline to provide all “Owner Furnished Equipment” for the newbuilds Dhirubhai Deepwater KG1 and Dhirubhai Deepwater KG2, Sudeep undertook a big job during 2008 with a “can-do” attitude – all while being brand-new to the world of rig construction.

“The first time I spoke to Sudeep, I heard an excitement that would be hard to match,” said DDKG1 Sr. Toolpusher Jay Lancaster. “I thought after some time on the project that excitement would be worn down, but here we are one year later and he still has all the drive and passion that I heard on that first phone call.”

“Sudeep’s performance was extraordinary in that he accepted a huge task that was well beyond his job description and executed it enthusiastically with no complaints,” said Dan Farr, Director of Newbuilds.

MARCOS PALITOT
Sr. Materials Coordinator III
South America Division

If you need a rig moved into Brazil, you wouldn’t want to forget to call Marcos Palitot, who in 2008 was instrumental in the start ups of seven rigs, performing the inventory counts and developing detailed asset lists that need to be provided to Brazilian customs.

With 22 years of experience, Marcos stands out to his peers for his attention to training and mentoring others, and helping them achieve their career aspirations – but that’s also what he’s found so memorable about in his own experience with the company.

“I believe the best thing about working for Transocean is the way that the company invests in its people,” Marcos said. “I believe that Transocean will give you the tools you need to make achievements. I have always worked with teams who make efforts to share what we’ve learned and find friendly ways to help each other.”
JOHANNES POLDERMAN  
Operations Manager, Performance  
Norway Division  

It’s a bird. It’s a plane. It’s Johannes Polderman!

With 40 years of industry experience, Johnny – as his co-workers call him – has become a legend in the company’s Norway Division, setting many “firsts” (serving as the first Norwegian rig manager, for instance) and helping make Transocean operations there a success.

“Without fear of exaggeration, I can tell you that Johnny is one of the Greats of the Norwegian drilling industry,” said Ricardo Rosa, then Sr. VP of the company’s Europe and Africa Unit.

But Johnny says there’s nothing special that sets him apart from anyone else – he just really likes his job.

“It comes natural because I always had it in my heart,” he said. “I jump out of my bed every morning and I say, ‘Man, I’m going to the job.’ I love to be a performer.”

KEN GARDNER  
Manager, Maintenance Systems  
Houston  

Ken’s expertise in maintenance practices has led him to spend the past decade developing a world-class maintenance management system (RMS) that helps ensure Transocean’s rigs worldwide are in good shape to provide the outstanding performance our clients want and deserve.

A key player in the Maintenance and Technical Support group with roots working offshore, Ken is known for his leadership skills, commitment to safety (many of his co-workers mentioned his monthly departmental safety meetings), his open-door policy and his respect for people.

“Ken never skips a beat and always manages to be the first to offer help, even when his resources are stretched,” said Pharr Smith, VP of Engineering and Technical Support. “He stands up for what is right, admits when he is wrong, leads by example, and promotes a deep respect within his group for each other and, most of all, for the people who work on our rigs.”
SILVESTRU BONDAR
Sr. Manager, Drilling & Electrical Equipment
North America Division

Silvestru’s technical experience and insight allows him to see opportunities to fix or proactively address any problems that arise with drilling and electrical equipment in the North America Division that others might not. Even called a “life saver” and “Dr. Phil” for all the help he’s provided offshore, this is one doctor that’s always in.

“He’s one of our go-to guys,” said Chris Ness, Sr. VP of the North and South America Unit. “As soon as there’s a problem, he’s the first one the guys on the rig are phoning. I’m sure his wife is wanting to cut the phone off his ear!”

ANGELA GARCIA
QHSE Administrator
Houston

The first person in line to support Angela at the 2008 FIRST Excellence Award ceremony: her 82-year-old mother, Emilia. It’s this kind of support that Angela tirelessly extends every day to her co-workers at Transocean, who she describes as “her second family.”

“The FIRST Core Values apply both at work and at home,” Angela said.

This year, many of Angela’s co-workers wrote lengthy letters in support of her nomination.

“I have always been impressed with her knowledge and organizational skills, but most of all I admire her interpersonal strengths,” said Adrian Rose, VP of QHSE. “Angela genuinely cares about people and no matter how busy she is, she always makes time to help with a smile on her face.”

Read more quotes at beaconmag.com.
There are countless examples of Sert’s contributions to Transocean’s technical leadership, including extensive mathematical analysis, calculations and study of rig’s system designs, leading to cost savings, performance enhancements and safety improvements. In 2008 alone, Sert played a key role in finalizing the development of the 6th-generation power and propulsion plant to meet the needs of the company’s dynamically positioned vessels.

In short, Sert is described by his colleagues as the “T” in FIRST.

“Sert is able to see through the cloud of real and analytical data to identify the relationships in our processes,” said Ed Bourgeau, Engineering Manager and former FEA recipient. “While often criticized for his technical observations, only to be proven right, he’s never had an ‘I told you so’ attitude. This has invariably led to others respecting him all the more, and their becoming better engineers because of it – myself included.”

If there’s one FIRST core value that hits home for Chris Wokowsky, it’s integrity.

“I think integrity and honesty are very important,” Chris said. “Treat people the way they need to be treated. I think that helps create a good workplace and gets guys motivated to do a good job for you. If you lead by that example, it motivates others to do the same.”

Chris’s focus on excellence and integrity did not go unnoticed by client BP’s drilling superintendent in Azerbaijan, who said that Chris epitomized the performance of one of the safest and best-performing rigs in the Transocean and BP fleet. (The rig has completed eight years without a Serious Injury Case!)

Up next? Chris is updating his Masters license to cover DP rigs and is then expected to join the Sedco Express.
LOUISE MCGREGOR
Rig Medic, Transocean Prospect
North Sea & Mediterranean Division

As a Medic on the Transocean Prospect working in the U.K. North Sea, Louise is known for going above and beyond the call of duty.

“When reading the nomination form and the many written submissions from colleagues on the rig, I was struck by Louise’s energy and proactiveness,” said Ricardo Rosa, Sr. VP, EAU.

Louise, who worked as a nurse before joining Transocean in 2001, manages the rig’s welfare committee, provides seminars on health issues, serves on the Green Team, and even spends her time off performing medical checks on crew members. That’s all in addition to her regular duties.

“Louise is one of those fine professionals who competently and without fanfare, achieves far more than is expected of her position,” said Ricardo.

TRIDENT XII
Accepting: Robin Hunter, Toolpusher
India Division

The crews on the Trident XII balanced operational and safety performance with ease in 2008, working incident-free, reporting 350 “perfect days,” and drilling three of the fastest wells ever for client ONGC in the Bombay High South field offshore India.

This performance can be attributed to what Rig Managers Nikhil Ati and Ramesh Venkat called “the positive and motivating culture on the rig,” a culture that is fostered by Robin Hunter, who came to Houston to accept the award.

“I’m always there to listen to the guys and get their feedback because I know it’s very important for everyone to feel involved,” said Robin. “It’s not just one person who wins a FIRST Excellence Award, it takes everybody working hard together.”
The successful operation of a rig requires painstaking attention to every little detail, starting with the rig’s design and specifications. Enter: Scott Brittin, who has contributed to the design of multiple Transocean rigs. As a single example, Scott handled more than half of the specification sections for the newbuild Deepwater Champion on his own, including power generation, propulsion, deck machinery, ship auxiliaries, outfitting and accommodations. It took nearly 10 people to complete the other half.

Described as a meticulous engineer, Scott is proud to have a few patents under his belt and is thrilled to see his ideas go from paper to actual steel.

“I’ve really enjoyed the opportunity to exercise my skills and experience in creative ways in an industry that, to me, is essential to the modern world,” Scott said.
“Traffic!”

The automated voice alerted the helicopter pilot that another helicopter was nearby, about to land on the newbuild ultra-deepwater drillship Discoverer Clear Leader as the rig’s crews preparing for their first assignment for Chevron in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

“Traffic!”

Yet another helicopter arrived just minutes later as the first one settled safely on the drillship’s helipad, leaving the two other choppers hovering patiently up to 1,000 yards away.

On a morning in late June, the helicopters plus three work boats maneuvered in harmony, bringing people, parts and supplies to the first of Transocean’s five newbuild enhanced Enterprise-class drillships.

With more than 180 personnel onboard the rig from Transocean, Chevron, catering crews and service companies, a beehive of activity broke out everywhere.

“It’s a lot of work, and everyone is excited about being on a newbuild rig,” said Radio Operator Maureen Drexel.

Excited and proud

Added Rig Manager Dan Haslam: “Our personnel on the DCL were hand-picked to launch Transocean’s first newbuild rig since 2001. This attention to people, along with a great job by the DSME shipyard, our project team in Okpo, South Korea, our engineers, our client and vendors were two of the keys to getting us in position to deliver outstanding performance for our client, Chevron.”

The first of 10 Transocean newbuild ultra-deepwater rigs scheduled to begin operations over the next two years, the DCL is designed to operate in water depths of up to 12,000 feet and construct wells up to 40,000 feet deep.

The rig is a technological marvel. Some 1,600 miles of cable and wiring, two 1,250-ton top drives, a high-pressure mud system and a first-of-its-kind power-management system are just a few of the rig’s many high-spec features.

“We’re going to set the performance bar for ultra-deepwater drilling,” noted Captain John Anderson. “We’re part of something special and something new, and we want to be the Clear Leader, not just in the drilling area but in all areas of working safely and effectively.”

One thing he knows well, the drillship can mobilize and maneuver.

When the DCL left the DSME shipyard in South Korea in March 2009, the vessel’s top speed exceeded 17 knots on the leg from Durban, South Africa, to Trinidad and Tobago.

“We got a pretty good current and went over 17 knots and averaged 12 knots for that part of the trip,” Anderson said. “She makes pretty good time.”

Today, sidling up to the drillship, the “Stone Buccaneer” boat off-loads new diesel supplies. Senior DP Operator Greg Stanfield keeps a close eye on the smaller vessel, which has no use of its radar during the 18-hour operation.

“It is a privilege to be asked to work on the first of these new vessels, but there is also pressure on us, because we have to come up with new procedures and policies as the equipment differs in many cases from the Enterprise-class vessels,” Stanfield said.

Stanfield should know. This is his second newbuild to work on, having helped the Discoverer Deep Seas go from a Spanish shipyard to another yard in Texas and then start operations in 2001, also for Chevron. Dozens of labels on the center’s multi-million-dollar control instrumentation hint at the rig’s complexity: “Cargo System,” “Bilge System,” “Machinery System,” “Power System,” “DP System,” “Safety System” and so on.

It takes extensive training, usually at least a year, for a DP Operator to gain the skills needed to know how to react when an alarm sounds,
or which maintenance person to call, if necessary. DPOs must ensure the engines, thrusters and other equipment run correctly, so that the rig remains almost 100 percent vertically above the well center, tens of thousands of feet below.

And that’s just a brief description of one role on the state-of-the-art rig.

To understand how everyone got on the same page to enable the success of the DCL and her sister drillships, rewind to over two years ago, when a team of Transocean, Chevron and other personnel started to plan everything required.

“The big thing when we were going over this list of requirements for the rig was we didn’t want to miss anything,” said OIM Robert Owens. “So far, everything is going well.”

One of the improvements applied to the DCL is its color-coded drilling floor.

Adapted from the North Sea, the drill floor is separated into areas marked, green, yellow and red. Green means full access, yellow means access only with the Driller’s approval and red means access only with the Driller’s permission and if a person is involved in the work in that area.

The idea is to ensure full awareness of operations and to minimize human involvement, making an incident-free workplace a more attainable objective.

“There’s been a lot of advancement over the past 10 years, as far as the equipment and other changes,” Owens says. “The engineers, working with us, did the best job to put together the best ship possible.”

For example, a brand new power-management system has been installed to ensure greater efficiency of the rig’s six engines, which will bring greater power availability, more cost-effective operations and lower emissions.

One thing remains the same: an unswerving commitment to safety and excellence by top-performing personnel from Transocean, Chevron, the catering crew and service providers.

“And we have a very cohesive team of people watching out for one another,” said Drexel, the Radio Operator. “You spend this much time together and you become family. I like that, and I like it here because there’s a routine but nothing is ever routine because every day is different.”

“Green deck!”

The Transocean helicopter officer’s voice over the ship’s intercom signaled the time for the first of the choppers to take some crewmembers to shore for their off-tour at home or wherever they choose to go during their three weeks off. It’s also signals everyone involved to keep the rig living up to its name.

The Discoverer Clear Leader.

> The DCL commenced operations for Chevron on August 13, 2009.


DCL CREW PARTICIPATES IN SLF TRAINING

The crews of the DCL participated in the Safety Leadership Foundation Workshop in June, a two-day affair that— you guessed it— gives employees a foundation for understanding and applying the company’s safety culture, and builds consistency in safety processes like THINK, START and “Time Out For Safety.”

The training is just one piece of this highly complex process to successfully conduct outstanding operations for client Chevron.

Learn more about SLF, SLT and the Master Class in the “Safety” section of the company’s corporate Web site, www.deepwater.com.
North Sea Rig Manager Gives Back in India

Ray Berry, Performance Rig Manager for the GSF Arctic IV, is using some of his time off at the end of August to travel to Ladakh, India (on the border of India and Tibet), to help build a home and school for 40 young monks.

Ray will join a team of 11 people working for the Lotus Flower Trust, a charity that raises money to build homes, schools and orphanages for disadvantaged children (their families make less than $1 per day) in remote areas of India. The team will begin their four-day trek to the building site on August 20, crossing Chang La – the third-highest navigable pass in the world – before arriving on the edge of the remote Chang Tang Plain to construct a 10-bedroom facility, complete with kitchen and six Tibetan-style toilets. Scheduled to be completed September 4, the new facility will allow the children, ages 5 to 16, to live and learn in comfort.

“Even getting to where the young monks live will pose many challenges – altitude being just one of them,” Ray said. “Scaling heights of 17,400 feet and working at 15,400 feet will be certainly a challenge, as I’ve never been above 8,000 feet – and that was skiing!”

The schedule is tight, but it can be accomplished, as Ray put it, “safely and on budget.”

Ray’s involvement with the Lotus Flower Trust began through people-positive™, a performance coaching company in Aberdeen that organized his team.

“I was already involved with charity work for Aberdeen Bon Accord Rotary Club and my local church and when the idea of helping these young monks was put to me, Ray said. “I felt it was too good an opportunity to turn down, and the more I learned about the work of the charity, the more he wanted to get involved to help these children and their families.”

Projects are chosen in conjunction with local villagers. They are sustainable and have lasting benefit for the children. Plus, Ray says that the office of the Dalai Lama fully supports the Lotus Flower Trust.

Following his trip, Ray will provide us with photos and a personal account of the experience.

“The fantastic support I have received from friends and colleagues around the world has completely surprised and overwhelmed me,” said Ray. “My sincere thanks for Transocean’s support. I will do my best to succeed and am really looking forward to getting the pictures of the new orphanage on the Beacon Web site.”

To learn more about the Lotus Flower Trust, visit www.lotusflowertrust.org.

To make a donation to Ray’s team, visit www.justgiving.com/peoplepositive.
Transocean Launches Environmental Leadership Training

New to the worldwide training matrix are three Environmental Leadership training modules. The full program, required for offshore and select shore-based employees (Rig Managers, QHSE Managers and Operations Engineers) starting in 2010, ensures competency in Environmental Awareness, Spill Prevention and Response, and Responsible Waste Management. All employees worldwide are required to complete the Environmental Awareness module.

Training will be available offshore via a Computer Based Training DVD, and onshore via the Web.

At the end of the modules, personnel participate in a “Quiz Show” that tests knowledge. A score of 15/17 is required to gain credit.

A Sweet Way to Give to Charity

A donation to charity was the icing on the cake on June 18 at Transocean’s Aberdeen office, when co-worker Kathleen Reid held a bake sale to raise funds for her participation in a “Walk the Walk” event, a breast cancer charity. Co-workers, many who donated the tasty treats at the event, helped Kathleen raise £288 (almost $500 USD) … and devour more than a few calories!

“Thank you so much for this wonderful donation to Walk the Walk,” said Kathleen prior to her walk. “I will float around that 26.2 miles knowing that I have such a great team of people supporting me all the way!”

Kathleen reports that the money will be used to support hospices around Scotland and help buy scalp coolers for cancer victims.

Even sweeter? Transocean’s team in Aberdeen pledged an additional £1,000 (more than $1,500) to the “Walk the Walk” organization from money raised in raffles at the region’s annual golf and fishing outing (each year, the team picks a variety of good causes that benefit from the raffle earnings).

To learn more about Walk the Walk, visit www.walkthewalk.org.

Houston Corporate Office Hosts E-Day in June

The Houston Corporate Office Green Team hosted E-Day on June 3, which featured a variety of environmental activities – even an environmentally themed photo contest.

Transocean John Shaw Donates to Glasgow Hospitals

Just what the doctor ordered. When the crews of the Transocean John Shaw heard about the illness of Zoe Little, daughter of rig Electrician Rikki Little, they raised £2,300 (almost $4,000) via a rig raffle to donate to a charity chosen by the Little family.

Zoe underwent major surgery at Southern General Hospital and then had a lengthy stay at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children at Yorkhill in Glasgow, Scotland. The Little family decided that the money would be divided between these two hospitals.

Transocean matched the donations, and the checks were presented to the hospitals in April 2009.
**GSF Jack Ryan Hosts First SERPENT Mission Offshore Nigeria**

The **GSF Jack Ryan** in April hosted the first SERPENT Project mission in Nigerian waters. Transocean has been a founding partner in SERPENT since 2002, a project that makes cutting-edge industrial Remote Operated Vehicle technology and data more accessible to the world’s science community, sharing knowledge and advancing deep-sea research.

**Did You Know?**
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**New Online: Country-by-Country Environmental Operations Info**

In order to help our people keep up with the current environmental rules where their rig is operating, an online register has been made available that contains current legislation, recent country audits, even important information about waste disposal vendors and key local contacts for nearly every country where Transocean operates.

The new database, rolling out offshore now, is searchable by country or legislation, and allows a comparison between any country that resides in the system. Data is consistently updated and changes noted, with copies of original legislation available for reference. The system saves time, eliminates manually updated spreadsheets and, most importantly, helps ensure that we stay compliant with all current environmental regulations relevant to our operation.

Subject Matter Experts in the new system have been assigned by division to help users navigate the system. For more information or an account login, contact David.Perez@deepwater.

**Whale Watching – At Work!**

The **GSF Rig 140** again captured the activity of humpback whales near their rig – and this time they got video! All files were submitted to the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (WDCS.org) to ensure the sightings data is captured in their global database. Marine life sightings are common on Transocean rigs, and organizations like the WDCS confirm that this documentation plays an important role in their study of the marine environment. Thanks to the **GSF Rig 140** for their submission!

> View all the photos and video of a mother humpback and her calf at beaconmag.com. ❖

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For information on the SERPENT Project and Transocean’s involvement, visit www.serpent-project.com or read the “Environment” section of www.deepwater.com. ❖

It’s even possible that some of the specimens collected by Dr. Jones are new species, not yet described by science!

During his visit to Nigeria, Dr. Jones explained that our knowledge of the deep sea in this area is limited to the last real scientific research done in the deeper waters of West Africa … in 1890!

Through our involvement in the project and in collaboration with our clients, Transocean is helping to provide a unique asset to the world’s scientific community.

Nearly 30 Transocean rigs have contributed to the SERPENT project all around the world including offshore Australia, Angola, Norway, Canada, the U.S, India and Nigeria. With the successful mission in the Gulf of Guinea Division, each division within EAU has now hosted or assisted with a SERPENT mission.

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Mike Hall, Transocean’s VP of Newbuilds, passed away in Houston on June 27 following a multiple coronary bypass surgery. He was 56. In his 30-year career with Transocean, Mike held various engineering and project management positions, served as operations manager for South America, Region Manager for North America, Director of Planning, Vice President of Operations and Technical Support, Vice President of Engineering and Technical Services, and Vice President of Newbuilds.

Mike’s funeral in Houston, held on July 1, was attended by hundreds, including family members, friends and colleagues. Senior management from Transocean and many vendor companies and industry peers were all in attendance to pay their respects. Transocean CEO Bob Long was one of the speakers at the funeral service.

“To me, Mike was a friend and a man I could look up to,” said Bob. “He was a teacher, and when it came to technical matters, he gave good, solid advice. I was overwhelmed by the many people who wanted to talk about Mike, about his tremendous technical capabilities, his outstanding strategic vision. What really resonated was that everyone said he was a leader, a mentor, and a good man.”

Les Smiles, Director of Newbuilds, worked with Mike for nearly half of his career. At Mike’s funeral, he noted Mike’s remarkable commitment to developing people, which was perhaps mentioned most among his Transocean co-workers.

“Mike had the ability to evaluate people and then find opportunities within the company that matched their talents and would allow them to shine,” Les said. “Today, this room is filled with people Mike touched. It was irrelevant whether you were the CEO, an engineer, an administrative assistant or a roughneck, Mike was interested in you. Mike taught us what it meant to help support and develop others, one of the true meanings of friendship.”

Mike is survived by his wife, Brenda; daughter, Allison; son, Alex and his fiancée Carly Kath, whom he loved as one of his own children; grandchildren, Kyle Sowa and Cooper Hall; brothers, Doug Hall, Jerry and his wife Denita Hall, and Rick and his wife Sook Hall; as well as many other loving family members and friends.

Condolesences poured into Transocean’s Corporate Communications account following the June 27 announcement of Mike’s death. These will be compiled and given to the Hall family. If you would like to send a note about Mike for his family to read, e-mail corporatecommunications@deepwater.com, or leave a comment on Mike’s tribute page at beaconmag.com.
Bump, Set, Splash!

Transocean’s team in Italy participated in the Ravenna Oilfield Beach Volleyball Tournament on July 2, making it to the quarter finals. Congrats!

“Goal” Oriented in Cairo

The Cairo Engineering team (pictured) triumphed in last year’s company soccer tournament, a competition held between departments in Egypt, and is preparing to defend their title during this year’s Ramadan in August/September. Good luck to all the teams ... bend it like Beckham!

2009 NAM Golf and Fishing Tournament

Many of Transocean’s NAM employees turned out for the division’s 15th Annual Golf and Fishing Tournament in Louisiana this March. View more photos at beaconmag.com.

Honesty Pays

Ganesh Deshmukh, a Laundryman on the Actinia, returned an expensive watch found in a pair of coveralls that was sent for cleaning. Tony Lumsden, OIM, presented him with a token of appreciation on behalf of the entire crew. Thanks, Ganesh!

Anniversaries

A dinner at a Paris museum in January honored 20 employees that had achieved 25 years or more of service to the company. Read the full list at beaconmag.com.

These people represent more than 600 years of experience at Transocean!

Terry Brown (left), Rig Manager, Performance, for the GSF Compact Driller, recently received his 35-year service anniversary award from Bob Long (center), CEO, and Chidpon Jantarawaranyoo (right), Thailand Country Manager.

Greg “Pee wee” Blank (right), Sr. Toolpusher on the Discoverer Americas, in May received his 15-year service award from OIM Clayton Ballard.

Oliver Dickie (left), Maintenance Supervisor on the Sedco 706, recently received his 35-year service anniversary award from Ray Worth, Rig Manager, Performance.

Ilja Uremovic (right), RSTC on the G.H. Galloway, received his 5-year service anniversary award from OIM Mark Hruz in June 2009.
Drazen Rocic (right), Floorhand on the G.H. Galloway, received his 5-year service anniversary award from OIM Mark Hruz in June 2009.

Carlo Franchi (right), Italy Materials Manager, is celebrated 25 years of service to the company on June 11, 2009. He's joined by Vincent Berthou, Mediterranean Sector Manager.

Philip Scott (right), Toolpusher on the Trident II, received his 15-year service award from Kevin Wink, General Manager of Operations in India.

M.L. Jijo (left), Driller on the Trident II, received his 15-year service award from Kevin Wink.

Surendra Singh (far right), Maintenance Roustabout on the Trident II, received his 10-year service award from Kevin Wink.

V.M. George (left), Floorman on the Trident II, received his 5-year service award from Kevin Wink.

Shanavas T., Chief Electrician on the Trident II, received his 5-year service award from Kevin Wink.

Colin Whitton (left), Toolpusher on the Deepwater Navigator, received his 20-year service award from Leonardo Guimaraes, DWV Asset Manager.

Peter Lindle (left), Toolpusher on the Sedco 601, received his 35-year service award from OIM Geoff Cuthbertson on May 13, 2009.

Doug Smart (right), Barge Supervisor on the Sedco 601, received his 30-year service award from Mark Campbell, Rig Manager, Performance, on May 20, 2009.

Florence Sy (right), Subsea Supervisor on the Sedco 601, received his 15-year service award from Mark Campbell, Rig Manager, Performance, on May 20, 2009.

Mike White (left), OIM on the GSF Adriatic X, celebrated 30 years with the company in May 2009. Mike began his career in 1978 on the Glomar Tender I in the Gulf of Mexico as a galley hand, and has held a variety of positions including Roustabout, Roughneck, Derrickman, Driller, Toolpusher and OIM in the Gulf of Mexico and Middle East.
Chiara Giannazzo (left), D.R. Stewart Rig Accountant, celebrated her 5-year service anniversary in May 2009. Chiara is pictured with Vincent Berthou, Mediterranean and Caspian Sector Manager.

From left: Poli Valter, Motor Operator; Vukelic Nebojsa, Floorhand; and Casar Slatko, Motor Operator, celebrated their 5-year service anniversaries on the D.R. Stewart on April 26, 2009.

Juliana “Julie” Chua (right), APU HR Manager, recently celebrated her 25-year anniversary with the company in Singapore. View more photos at Beaconmag.com!

Walter Sheffield, OIM on the Dhiriabhai Deepwater KG 1, received his 25-year service anniversary award from Dan Farr, Director of Newbuilds, at the Samsung Hotel in Geoje, Korea, on March 28.

Milutin Kutrichki (right), Pumphand on the D.R. Stewart, received his 20-year service anniversary award from OIM Jean Couture on July 18, 2009.

John Sargeant (right) OIM of the G.H. Galloway received his 15-year service anniversary award from Roger Wibrew, G.H. Galloway Rig Manager.

Rodney Barretto (right), Supply Chain Manager, APU, recently received his 15-year service anniversary award from Patrick Guicheney, VP Assets - Jackups. Rodney and Patrick are pictured with Patricia Guicheney (far left) and Vera Barretto.

Gary Slaney (right) OIM on the Sedco 706 recently received his 30-year service anniversary award from Ray Worth, Rig Manager, Performance.

Van Williams, OIM on the Deepwater Horizon, received his 25-year service award from Rig Manager John Keeton on January 11, 2009.

Zlatko Macanga, Roustabout on the D.R. Stewart, received his five-year service anniversary award from Rig Manager Jason Wilson.

Passings
Sympathies are expressed to the family members and friends of the following employees.

Mike Hall, Transocean’s VP of Newbuilds, passed away following multiple bypass surgery on June 27. (see p.25 for a tribute to Mike).

Jim Fyfe, Chief Electrician on the JOIDES Resolution, passed away in April 2009 following a long illness. He was 63. “To those of us who had the privilege to work and sail with Jim, he will always be remembered as the ultimate professional a good friend, colleague and ship mate whose contribution both to the ship and the company is immeasurable,” said John Mackintosh, Electrical Supervisor on the Joides Resolution and one of Jim’s longtime friends. > Read Jim’s full obituary submitted by John at beaconmag.com.

Mirza Aliyev, Roustabout on the Dada Gorgud, passed away on June 15 following a tag-line incident on the rig.
Josh Zirger, Floorhand on the GSF C.R. Luigs, passed away on June 18 following an automobile accident.

Balwant Singh, Roustabout on the Discoverer 534, passed away on July 22, 2009. He was 26 years old.

> CORRECTION: A FIRST News Update on July 23 incorrectly noted that Balwant Singh passed away on July 21, rather than July 22.

**Beauty Queen**

Angy Torres (right), Analyst, Subsidiary Reporting in Houston, was named Miss Houston 2009 in a Texas pageant, which was judged based on personal interview, swimsuit and evening gown categories. Congratulations!

**Viva John Truschinger!**

Transocean CIO John Truschinger’s employees recently surprised him with a 50th birthday celebration in Houston – and he surprised them by performing one of his famous Elvis impersonations. We’ve got video at beaconmag.com!

**Beginnings**

Congratulations to newlyweds Malcolm and Christina Geddes, who were married in Malcolm’s hometown of Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia, on June 21. Malcolm is a Toolpusher on the Trident 17 working offshore Malaysia.

Mario Bacic, Assistant Driller on the G.H. Galloway, and Silvija Pecanac welcomed son David Bacic on June 2, 2009. Pictured: Mario and new baby boy David!

Rob Kobler, Gulf of Mexico Recruiter, and wife Lori (and proud sister Raegan!) welcomed daughter Ridley on March 26, 2009.

**Retirements**

Ebrahim Mayahi (center), HMC Materials Coordinator, retired in May after 35 years with the company. Ebrahim is pictured with wife Saida and HMC Manager Tim Kelley. “I had the good fortune to work for Ebrahim very early in my career, and to have him here at the Houston Materials Center for his last years before retirement was like coming full-circle, truly a blessing for me,” said Tim Kelley. “We wish him all the best … take care Baba, enjoy the mountain air!”

**On the Move**

Andy Rennie was promoted to Operations Manager, Asset, for the West Africa South Division, in June 2009. Andy was previously Rig Manager, Performance, in the Gulf of Guinea Division.

Doug McEwan was named Rig Manager, Performance, for the Transocean John Shaw. Doug replaces Billy Stewart, who transferred to the South America Division.

Craig Watson was named Rig Manager, Asset, for the J.W. McLean.

Tom Atkins was named Rig Manager, Performance, for the Deepwater Champion.
**Organization Changes at Transocean**

Just before this issue of *Beacon* went to press, CEO Bob Long made announcement about some significant organization changes that will be made over the next few months that will help Transocean achieve greater effectiveness and efficiency.

Two of Transocean’s three global business units will be phased out, with divisions taking a stronger role in managing their operations.

“Bottom line: a more efficient, less complex organization structure will help make our company more competitive and successful, which will ultimately benefit Transocean employees, customers and investors,” said Bob. “The vast majority of our employees will not be impacted by these structural changes, especially those working offshore.”

Read more about these changes at Transocean’s employee communications site *FIRST Online*, http://first.rigemployees.com, where you’ll find a Q&A, the latest org chart, and any related announcements.

An updated organization chart will be published in the Fall 2009 issue of *Beacon*, so you know who’s doing what! 

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**Chip Earle**, formerly Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, has relocated from the Cayman Islands to Paris where he now serves as General Counsel, Europe and Africa Unit.

**Greg May**, formerly General Counsel, Europe and Africa Unit, has been appointed to the temporary position of General Counsel, Africa, effective June 1, 2009. Based in Aberdeen, Greg will continue to divide his time between the Aberdeen and Paris offices.

**Jess Richards** in July was named Marketing Manager, North America Division (NAM). Jess replaces Michael Acuff. Prior to this assignment, Jess was Rig Manager, Performance for the Discoverer Spirit.

**Lee Will** on June 29 was appointed Division Controller for the Norway Division. Lee was previously Decision Support Manager for EAU based in Aberdeen.

**Rene Rodrigues** in June was named Manager, PMAA. Prior to this appointment Rene was Manager, Training and Development.

**Elton Cherry** in June was named Manager, Training and Development replacing Rene Rodrigues. Elton was previously the Manager, Accelerated Development Program.

**James Penny** was named Manager, Accelerated Development Program.

**Diane Spear**, Sr. Human Resources Representative, assumed the Park 10 office maintenance/construction duties previously held by Rene Rodrigues.

**Albert Peyon** in May was named Manager of Performance Assurance and Personnel Development for the West Africa South (WAS) Division

**Rene Rodrigues** in June was named Manager, PMAA. Prior to this appointment Rene was Manager, Training and Development.

**Mayra Neitzke** in April was named Accountant, Finance, NAM.

**Michael Yoakum** in April was named Mechanical Superintendent, Technical Field Support, NAM.

**Willie Strachan** in April was named Operations Manager Performance in the West Africa South (WAS) Division

**Michael Blue** in April was appointed Rig Manager Performance - Development Driller II, Operations, NAM.

**Tony Reid** in April was named Rig Manager Assets, Operations, NAM.

**Wil Kennedy** in April was named Operations Support Engineer, Operations, NAM.

**Arthur Dutton** in June was named West Africa South Division QHSE Manager. Arthur was previously QHSE Manager based in Cairo

**Tim Keller** in March was appointed Assistant Division Controller NAM, Finance.
We Listen to You ...

You Listen to This ...

Talk to Us: 2009 Employee Communications Survey

We value your opinion and want to ensure we're doing our best to deliver information that matters to you, in the best formats, according to your demographics and business needs.

Please take a few moments to fill out our Employee Communications Survey. There are three ways to get it back to us:

1. Visit Beacon Online at www.beaconmag.com to access the electronic survey (note: you will have to be on the Transocean network to do this)

2. Return it in the mail (U.S. employees only). Fill out the hard copy version located in this issue of Beacon and put it in the regular U.S. mail. No postage necessary.

3. Give it to your supervisor. All managers should return collected surveys to the Houston Corporate Office via inter-office transfer or FedEx.

All individual responses will remain anonymous, but we'll share the combined key findings in a future employee communication. So go ahead, be brutally honest, because it can only help us communicate better. And better communication will make Transocean an even better place to work.

When you’re done, you have the option of leaving us your contact information to be entered into a drawing for a new iPod!

Questions? Need help? Contact us at corporatecommunications@deepwater.com. We’re happy to help you.

Thanks for your participation.

Not a Transocean employee? No worries. Your opinion matters to us, too! Send us a note at corporatecommunications@deepwater.com with any of your comments or suggestions.
PAT ON THE BACK

The Deepwater Navigator, the first automatic dynamically positioned drillship working in the world, achieved two years without a recordable incident on July 15, 2009.

“Having a multinational crew on board, with people coming from countries such as Brazil, England, Scotland, United States, Aruba, Thailand, Russia, Ukraine, Canada, Netherlands, Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina, Australia, Poland, South Africa, India, Trinidad, Germany, Sweden, Norway, and many other places, it has always amazed me that various cultures and languages were able to join together as a smooth operating team,” said Andre Zegers, OIM. “Here on the Navigator one language is spoken by all fluently: SAFETY.”

In addition to this record, as of July 15, the rig had reported 195 incident and 185 operational “perfect days” out of those 196 days in 2009.

“To achieve this taking into account a demanding client and the enormous amount of new employees we have received onboard in this period of time, I would like to say this is quite an accomplishment,” said Andre. “It shows us that by using the company standards, common sense and systems like START, THINK, PROMPT and TOFS, we have been able to send our people home the same as they came onboard.”

View more photos of the Deepwater Navigator and crew at beaconmag.com!

The next issue of Beacon will feature our co-workers and operations in Brazil. Look for even more information about the Deepwater Navigator and the region’s current 12 rigs working offshore in the Fall 2009 issue.