

LANDMEN IN ACTION

Climate Change for Education

In October, the New Mexico Landmen's Association, the Roswell Geological Society and the Roswell Desk and Derrick Club hosted Global Climate Change events featuring prominent geologist Dr. Lee Gerhard, author of "Geological Perspective of Global Climate Change." With a theme of "Educating Today's Youth and Tomorrow's Leaders," the events raised approximately \$57,000 for scholarships and education initiatives.

Scholarships will be given by the NMLA, RGS and D&D to students going into energy related fields. Event proceeds were also donated to the National Education Energy Development project and the Citizens Alliance for Responsible Energy program to help educate teachers and the general public about the energy industry.

Gerhard's research explained how the earth's climate has always had stages of warming and cooling. "But, depending on the time period you choose, it will show the climate is either stable, becoming warmer or getting colder," he said.

"When studying climate change, scientists must consider how accurate a database is," he said, noting that an increase in global temperature occurred at the same time there was a loss of climate data from Siberia. "This makes scientists suspicious."

Gerhard also explained that carbon dioxide is only one source of greenhouse gas. "The most important source, which makes up 95 percent of greenhouse gas, is water vapor," he said.

And contrary to what has been reported, polar bear populations are generally increasing all over the world, Gerhard noted.

Research Explained: Dr. Lee Gerhard presents his "Geological Perspective of Global Climate Change."



Scholar Dollars: Individual checks in the amount of \$11,394 were presented to (from left) Jim Manatt, RGS president; Brian Carlozzi, NMLA officer; Pat Pruitt, Desk & Derrick president; Gerri Harrington, NEED; and Marita Noon, executive director, CARE, for earth science scholarships and education. Proceeds were raised at the recent Global Climate Change events in Roswell, N.M.



Future Leaders

A select group of University of Oklahoma energy management students recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with government, industry and policymakers regarding the presidential election and the array of energy issues facing the new administration.

Education in Action: OU energy management students (from left) Mike Hammond, Allie Turman, Matt Mullins, Samantha Penner, Chris Jackson, Julia Allen, Chase Beasley, Whitney Reid and Claire Peterson visit the U.S. Capitol.

