

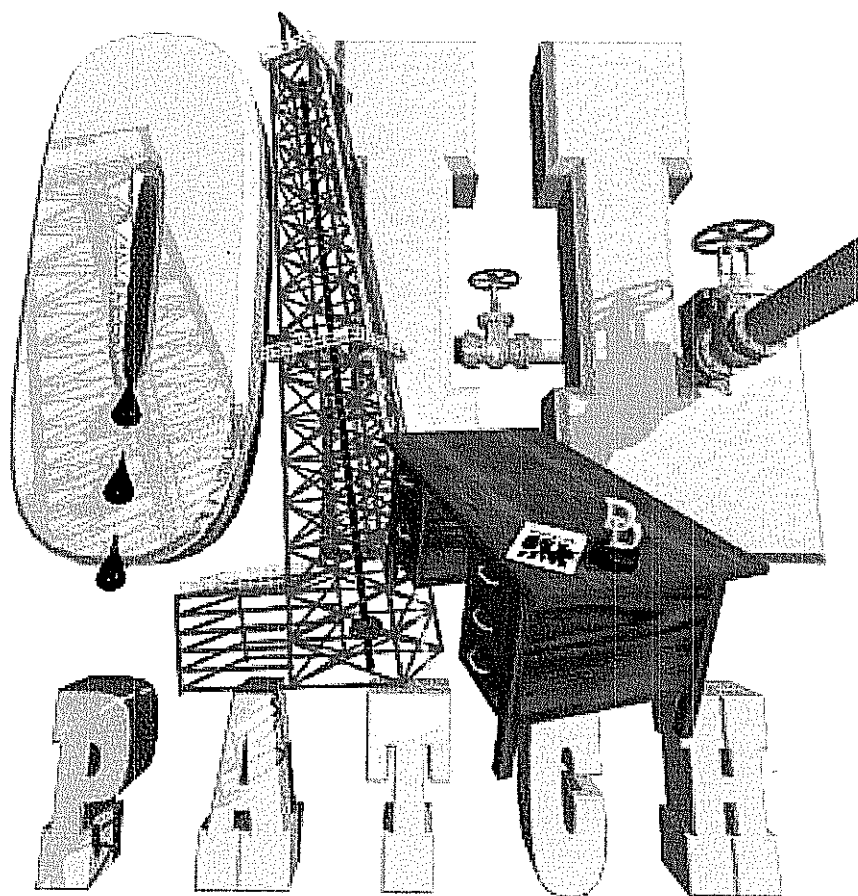
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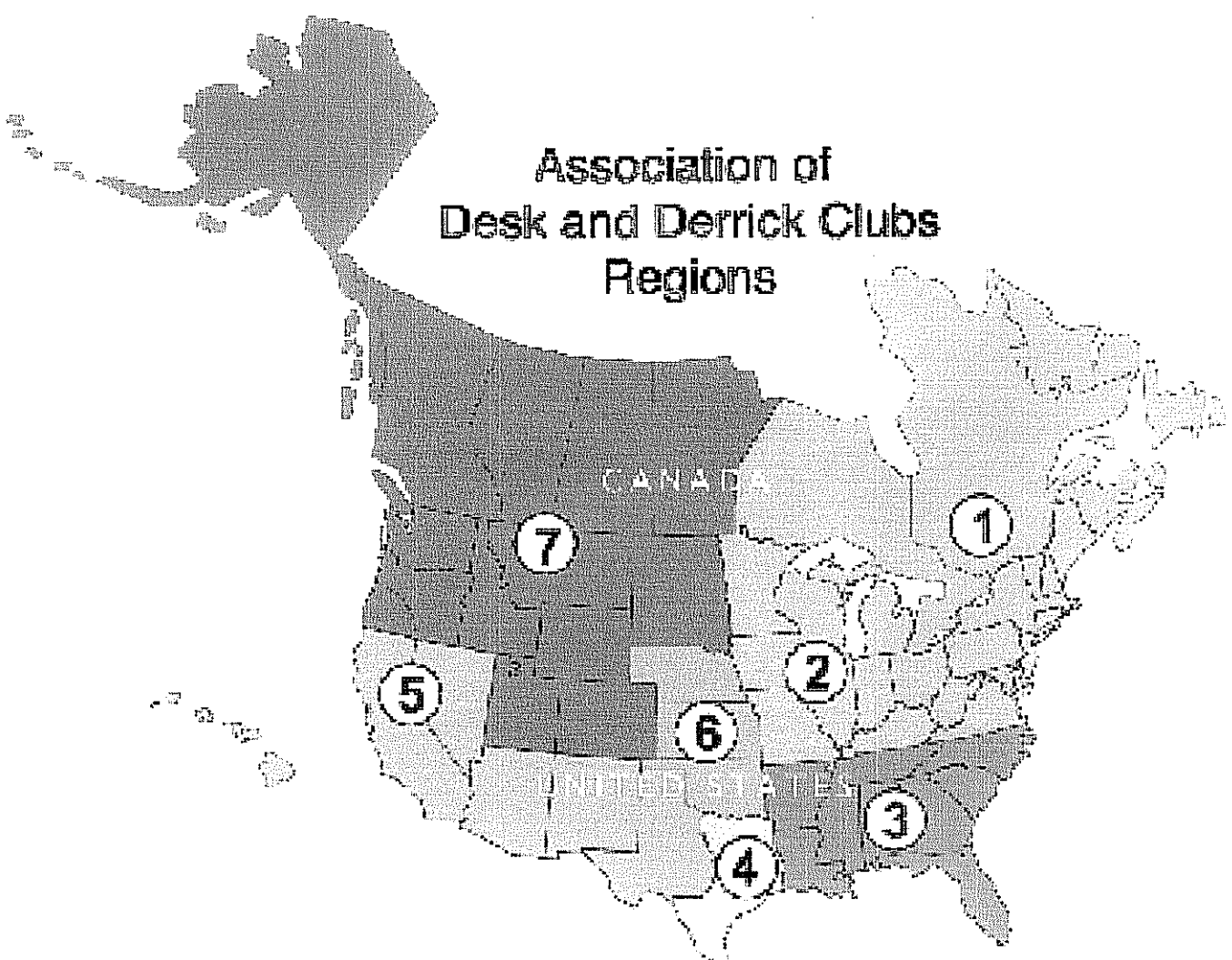
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# Motto

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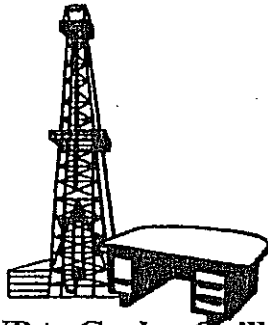
### CLUB PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be to promote the education and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy, and allied industries.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the club is to enhance and foster a positive image to the global community by promoting the contribution of the petroleum, energy and allied industries through education by using all resources available.

**Monthly General Membership Meeting held  
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The Four Columns, 3711 Westbank Expressway, Harvey, Louisiana  
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.**

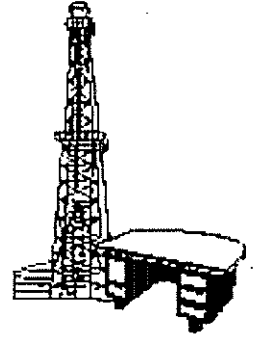


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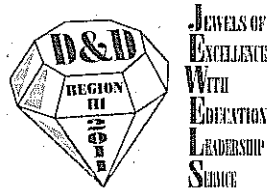
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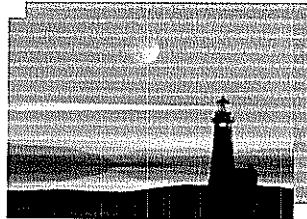
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# Association Information



# President's Newsletter



**Angie Duplessis**  
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December 2011

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that this year is coming to a close. The next board meeting will be the 2012 Budget and Planning Meeting. I want to encourage you to send any questions, concerns, or suggestions to your 2012 Region Director so they can be brought before your Board for discussion. The deadline for submitting changes for any proposed amendments to the Association Bylaws and Standing Rules is due to the Rules Committee Chairman by February 10, 2012.

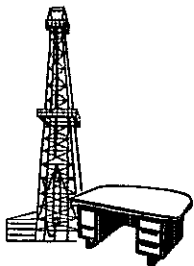
The last issue of the *Desk and Derrick Journal* is currently at the printers, and should be mailed out shortly. I hope you have enjoyed reading about our Association's beginnings and look forward to future issues.

At the Pre-Convention Meeting, a suggestion was made regarding Desk and Derrick Business Cards, the board approved the request and a Business Card Template for Members (ADDC 10) is now available on the web site for you to download and input your personal information. The minutes from the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will be posted soon. I also want to remind all Club Presidents to complete form ADO-031 as soon as your club officers have been elected so this information can be updated in a timely manner.

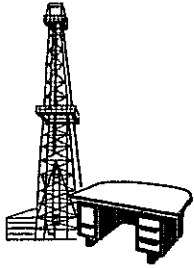
Since this is my last letter, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this year a success: my fellow board members, ADDC Committee Chairmen and Region Reps, Club Presidents, and You, the member for your support and willingness to serve this great organization.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and thank you once again for coming along with me through the *Gateway of Growth and Opportunity*.

*Angie*



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November 10, 2011

**Public Relations Review**

Clubs around the Association work hard to bring new members into their clubs. This is a great start, but it's only the beginning. Once you have members, how do you deliver on your promises? And how do you keep them coming back when their needs change? Retaining your Member's takes greater effort than recruiting them, and it all begins with the club experience.

The first thing to remember for a successful meeting is to keep it fun and respectful for all participants. Learning should be fun! While most members join to improve their speaking and leadership skills, they will grow more rapidly if they're enjoying their time spent in a club. Encourage speeches that share humorous stories, and make sure that observations always recognize what people do well.

Some members hesitate to try PR because they're afraid of being rejected by a member of the news media. But getting the buzz started means the member needs to step out of that comfort zone and contact people — especially those who don't know about Desk and Derrick — such as reporters and bloggers. News happens fast and the news media is always looking for a good story. Reporters and editors don't always have the resources to find you, so you need to help them. This is especially true of your local press. Offer them your club website or our association website.

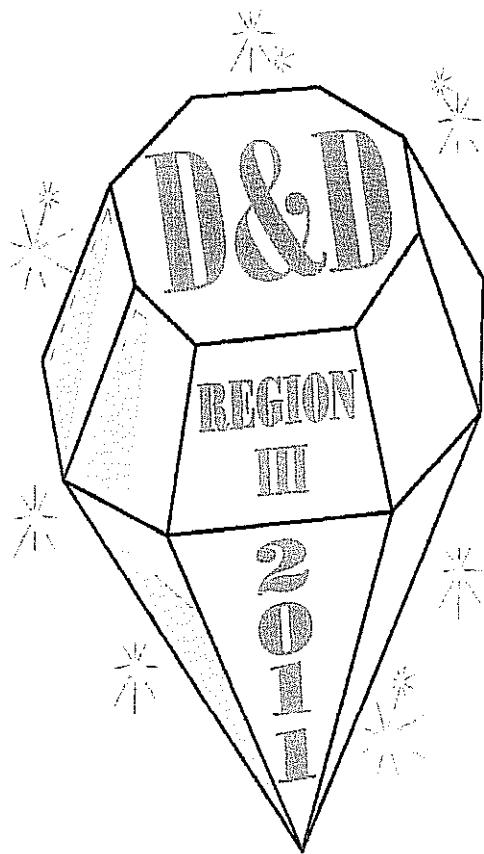
One of the top reasons members don't renew their membership in any season is lack of time. It's important to be sensitive to your members' needs. For example, are members having trouble with the meeting time or duration? Does the meeting run too long? Are members unable to get to work on time after a meeting? Are they having trouble with evening hours or lunchtime on Tuesdays? Or is it something else? Find out and consider adjusting the club's schedule or tone accordingly if necessary. Of course, you can't please everyone, but if you're losing a lot of members, it's important to take note and act.

Remember to focus your club's educational program on meeting the members' needs. Those who benefit from an optimal experience in the club will return to build more skills, enjoy the camaraderie and find the success you all deserve.

I wish you all the best!

Ieasha Stewart  
ADDC Public Relations Committee Chairman

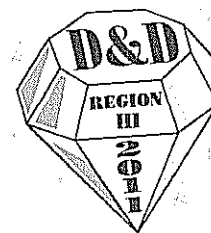
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## Region III Director's Newsletter



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**Lori L. Landry**  
Region III Director

llandry@beanresources.com

**December 2011**

**My Dearest Region III Members:**

It is hard to imagine that twelve months ago I sat down to write my first Region III Director's Newsletter. This year has gone by way too fast and my time as your Region III Director has truly been a wonderful, educating and humbling experience. I hope all of you have enjoyed the journey as much as I have. I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for your love and support.

I would like to thank my three Director's Assistants, Kathy Martin, Lena Myers and Karen Sager for all of their help and direction during my year as Director. I love each and every one of you. Thank you to all of the Region III Meeting Appointees for taking on extra duties for the Region III Meeting and throughout the year. Also thank you to all of the Regional Representatives for graciously being the liaison for your respective Committees. And, of course, to the Westbank Club for hosting an outstanding Region III Meeting. It is through members like you that this Association and Region thrive to be one of the best organizations.

My year as Region III Director is winding down and, myself and my Assistants will travel to install the El Dorado, Red River and Baton Rouge Clubs with my final installation to be my own Lafayette Club.

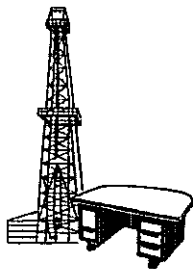
As we begin a new chapter in 2012, I encourage all of you to get involved within your Clubs, Region and Association. You are the voice of this organization; you are the ones that will keep this organization moving forward. Our 2012 Region III Director, Kathy Denley will do an outstanding job as our Director, and I encourage all of you to contact her and volunteer as a Regional Representative or wherever Kathy may need assistance.

Our final birthstone...the Blue Topaz was thought to have magical as well as healing powers. The alternate birthstone, Turquoise was considered to be a sacred stone. A gift of Turquoise represents friendship and luck.

With that said, I will treasure our friendships and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Keep those Jewels polished and sparkling!

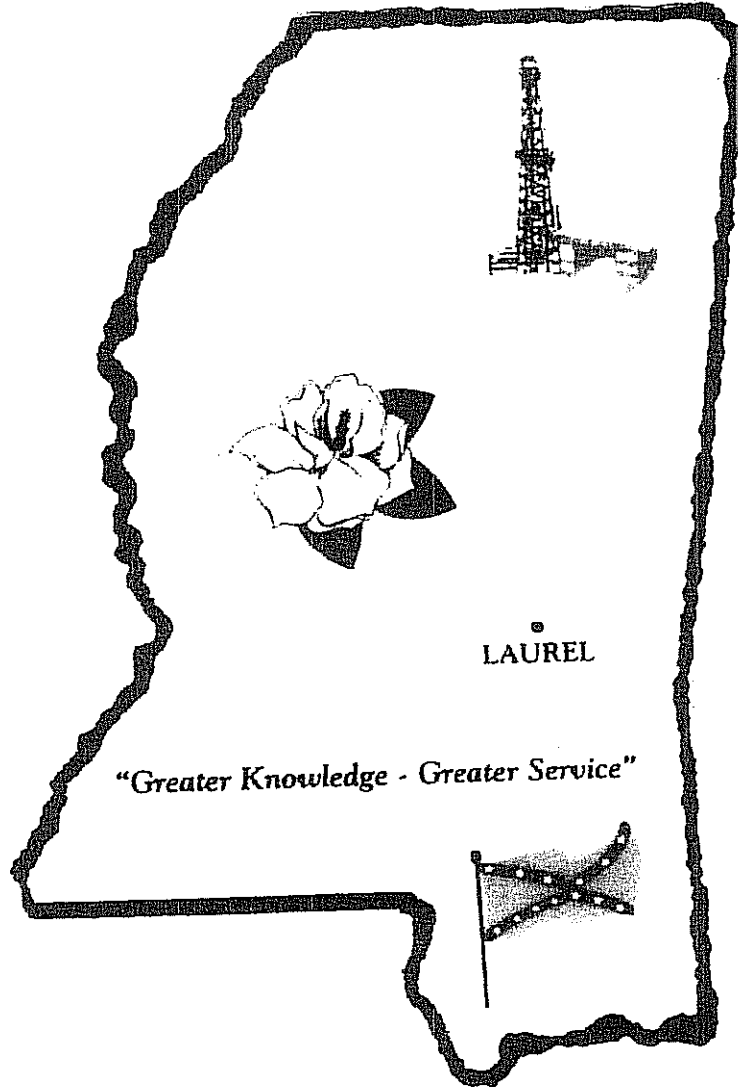
*Lori*



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**MARK YOUR CALENDERS**

**2012 REGION III MEETING 3<sup>RD</sup> 28 - 3<sup>RD</sup> 31**



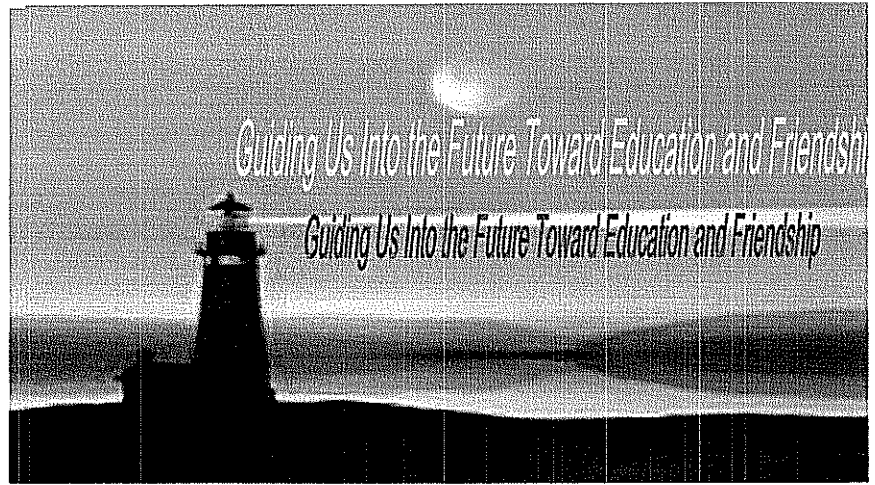
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# Westbank 2011 Information

*Guiding Us Into The Future Toward Education and  
Friendship*





Dawn Goode  
2011 Westbank President

December 2011 President Letter

This is my last letter to close out my year as President of the Westbank Desk and Derrick. It has been an educational and fun experience, as I have guided us into the future toward education and friendship. I could not have done it without the help of my board and all of your help. I want to thank everyone for all your support throughout the year. I truly appreciate it more than I can put into words.

I am looking forward to working with Theresa and her board in 2012. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year.

I will leave you with a quote:

**“The best gifts in life will never be found under a Christmas tree! Those gifts are friends, family, kids and the one you love!!**

Dawn Goode  
2011 Westbank President

## 2012 MEETING DATES

BOARD MEETINGS	MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
January 11, 2012*	January 25, 2012
February 15, 2012	February 22, 2012
March 14, 2012 **	March 21, 2012 **
April 18, 2012	April 25, 2012
May 16, 2012	May 23, 2012
June 20, 2012	June 27, 2012
No meetings in July	
August 15, 2012	August 22, 2012
September 12, 2012 ***	September 26, 2012
October 17, 2012	October 24, 2012
November 7, 2012 ****	November 14, 2012 *****
December 5, 2012 *****	December 11, 2012 ***** (Tuesday)
<p><b>2012 Footnotes:</b></p> <p>* Early date due to President's obligations to ADDC President</p> <p>** Early dates due to Regional Meeting date.</p> <p>*** Early date due to Convention date</p> <p>**** Early dates due to Thanksgiving Holidays</p> <p>***** Early dates due to Christmas Holidays</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL BOARD &amp; GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS BEGIN AT 6:00 PM.</b></p>	

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank  
College Scholarship Guidelines

General Guidelines for All Applicants:

1. Must submit application through an active Westbank D&D Member. All active Westbank Club Members are encouraged to apply for the scholarship, provided they meet the guidelines.
2. Graduating high school seniors must provide copies of both GPA and ACT scores. Proof of cumulative GPA with a minimum of 2.5 and ACT of 21 is needed to qualify. Proof of these scores must be on an official school issued document with student name and ID#.
  - 2a. All graduating high school seniors must provide a Letter of Acceptance from the college or university attending.
  - 2b. Current college students must submit proof of cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on official school issued document with student name and ID#.
3. All applicants must submit completed application form, including all requested documentation to their Desk and Derrick Sponsor in time to be submitted to the Scholarship Chairman by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Incomplete applications or those received after the deadline will be disqualified.
4. No applicant will be granted more than four annual Scholarship Awards (need not be four continuous years).
5. All applicants must provide at least one letter of recommendation (from someone other than D&D Sponsor or immediate family member).
6. All applicants must provide letter or essay detailing intended field of study and educational goals.

**Desk and Derrick Sponsor Responsibilities:**

The Desk and Derrick Sponsor must write and submit a letter to the committee detailing their personal knowledge of the applicant.

The letter, the application, and all attachments, **MUST** be submitted to the Scholarship Chairman or be postmarked by **March 15<sup>th</sup>** and mailed to: Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank Scholarship Chairman, P. O. Box 2875, Gretna, LA 70054-2875

Scholarships will be issued from available funds no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Scholarship checks will be issued jointly to the scholarship recipient and the appropriate college/university or college book store.

**Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank**

**College Scholarship Application**

**RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR SPONSOR FOR SUBMISSION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Status (# of credits/hours): Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

College Accepted to/Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

School or Club Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Interests/Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_ Full Time \_\_\_ Summer Only \_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members in your household: \_\_\_\_\_

List any scholarships, including TOPS, which are currently awarded, the amount, and the expenses covered. \_\_\_\_\_

**DESK AND DERRICK SPONSOR SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

All applications must be submitted with requested documentation (see Scholarship Guidelines) by the Desk and Derrick Sponsor to the Scholarship Chairman on or **before March 15<sup>th</sup>** or be **postmarked by March 15<sup>th</sup>** and mailed to: Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 2875, Gretna, LA 70054-2875.

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SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTION/DONATION FORM

NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION (please list individual's name under type of donation):

CONGRATULATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PERSON TO RECEIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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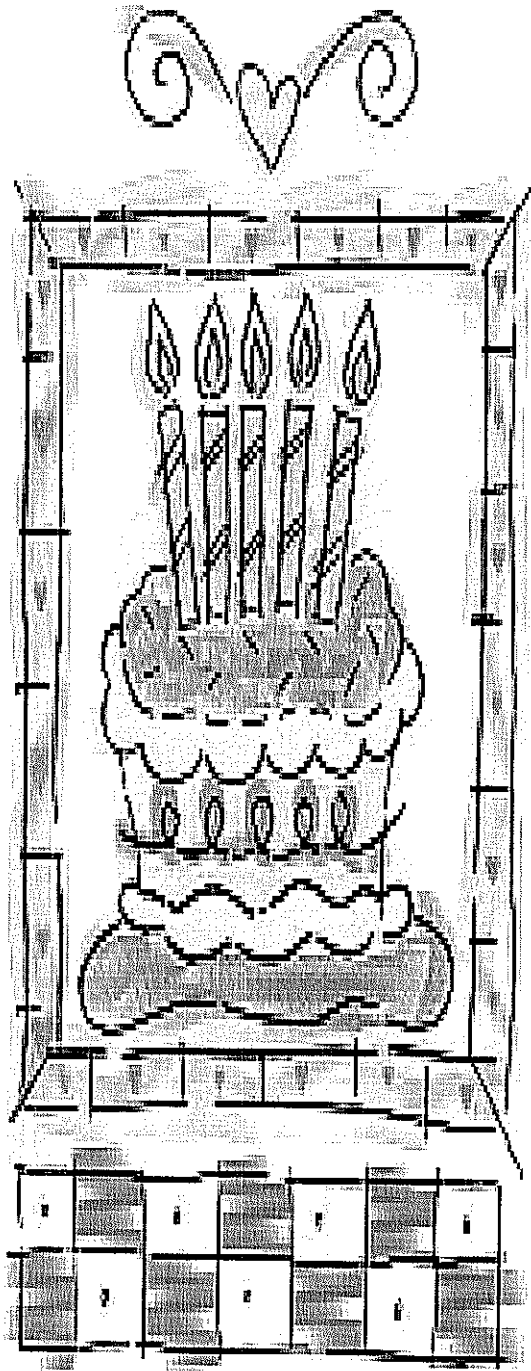
PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM, ALONG WITH CONTRIBUTION, TO:

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK

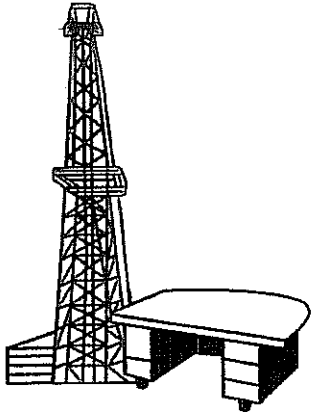






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BORN in  
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Alice gros  
12♥6  
Angie dupiessis  
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hilda wood  
12♥13



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