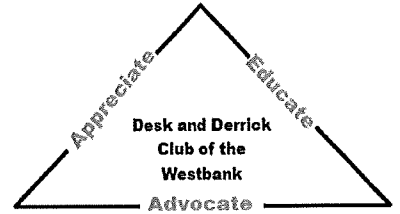
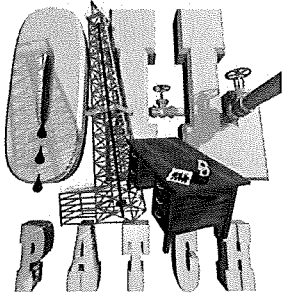


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Westbank Club President's Message

Dear Members:

I recently read an article by Barrie Davenport entitled, "50 Things to Stop Doing Forever." Jason Garcia sent the article to me and he states that there are some 'universal shifts' that everyone should make in order to live a life of integrity, balance, fulfillment and joy. Of course, as with all change in our lives, these shifts aren't always easy to embrace, but the first step toward change and growth is awareness. In order to shift our lives to a more profound level of happiness below are a few of the "50 things to Stop Doing Forever":

Struggling – don't fight against life, go with the flow.

Delay in Solving a Problem – face the situation squarely and handle quickly so it doesn't cause anxiety.

Tolerating Annoying, Mean People – don't hang around with people who diminish or drain energy from us or who treat us poorly.

Creating or Tolerating Drama in Our Lives – drama creates negative energy.

Putting Work, Money, Projects or Television before Our Loved Ones – relationships are the most important thing in our lives, so put loved-ones first.

Dwelling on the Past – live in the moment and focus on what is happening now.

Reacting before Thinking – we may not be able to control our feelings, but we can control our behavior

All good actions to help us live a less stressful and more fulfilling life.

August brings many more hot days and it is the time for our annual Scholarship Fundraiser – Bunco. The event will be held at MI Swaco on Peters Road on Saturday, August 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Our August General Meeting is set for Wednesday, August 22 at Boomtown Casino. Our speaker, Dr. Palmer from Tulane University will present "The Great Spill." During our August meeting we will review the candidates running for ADDC Office and the Proposed Bylaw Amendments.. Please review the candidates and amendments so that your opinions can be heard and so I can properly represent you at convention.

Till next month: ***Happiness is not a state to arrive at, but a manner of traveling.*** –

Margaret Lee Runbeck, 1905-1956

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August 2012

To All Region III Members

Well here it is August already. Summer is almost over and school is about to begin. I hope all of you are enjoying your summer with your families. I took a much needed vacation to Destin, Fla. For 10 days and it was very enjoyable. The beach and water were beautiful. I hope you all have some time for travel as well.

I want to thank everyone for your prayers for my Dad. He is doing much better and we hope he is on the way to recovery.

On July 15, 2012 my Mom and I joined the Westbank gals for their Annual Christmas in July Brunch. The Brunch was held at the Café Etienne and after lunch we swapped gifts. What a great time! And the meal was delightful.

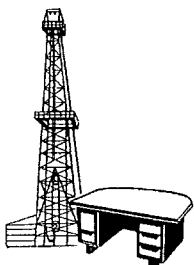
ADDC President-Elect Marilyn Carter is looking for members to serve as committee chairs and regional reps for 2013. Volunteer form is available on the ADDC website. Once you complete the form please e-mail marilyn.carter@cnrl.com Consider volunteering to serve on the Region Level; if there is a position you are interested in please e-mail Dorothy Dishman @ ddish2@yahoo.com. It is very rewarding and educational to serve on the ADDC and Region III level, so get involved.

The 2012 ADDC 61st Annual Convention will be held September 19 – September 23, 2012 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel. Registration forms and convention information are currently available on the ADDC website.

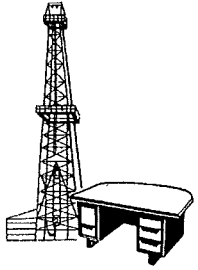
Just a reminder to turn in your club's Program Reports to the Region Rep. no later than one week after the meeting is held. You must submit a report even if **NO MEETING IS HELD.**

Everyone should have an evacuation plan and supplies ready in case of a hurricane. You can never be TOO prepared!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at Kathy.Denley@Valero.com or 504-278-5252.



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This has certainly turned out to be a very challenging summer, weather-wise. Areas - such as Texas – which experienced drought last year, are being inundated with rain; Colorado is being devastated by wild fires; and our eastern states are still recovering from severe storms that affected power and water services for weeks. Please keep all of our ADDC friends in your thoughts – and provide whatever assistance to these areas you can within your community.

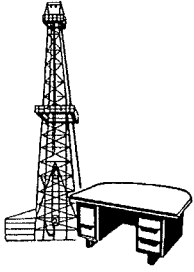
President-Elect Marilyn Carter is seeking volunteers for 2013 ADDC Committee chairmen and regional representatives. Step up to serve the Association and learn more about the inner workings of this great organization. You can download the form on the ADDC website or contact your Region Director or Marilyn Carter for a copy of the form and the committee descriptions and general duties.

Please take time at your club’s meeting, if you haven’t already, to discuss the proposed amendments to the ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules and the qualifications of the 2013 ADDC Board slate of officers. Your delegate will be voting on these items and your ideas and opinions are valued.

If there is anything you want addressed at the 2012 ADDC Pre-Convention Board meeting, please contact your Region Director or the respective committee chairman. The Board will be energetically reviewing the year’s activities and addressing issues that have come up during 2012 as we prepare for 2013.

Have you sent in your registration for the 61st Annual ADDC Convention yet? Yes? THANK YOU! No? Well, what are you waiting for??? There are many wonderful educational opportunities awaiting you in Oklahoma City and the Red Earth Desk and Derrick Club members have done a remarkable job of organizing fun, interesting, and challenging activities for every member. And, there are activities to keep your family engaged while you are participating in the Desk and Derrick events. Looking forward to seeing you in Oklahoma City at the Crossroads of Energy!

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Dear Members,

Summer is upon us full force and everyone seems to be away enjoying themselves.

Earlier I had sent out a request for an update on each Region, what their Clubs have been doing to recruit new members and retain the present ones.

I only received a response from a few but it sounds as though our membership is hard at work canvassing for Desk and Derrick.

Exciting things are happening in Region I, with seven clubs and 297 members. They are working hard to break the 300 membership milestone in 2012. One club doubled its membership by holding a Membership Meet and Greet. At last count there were 50 new members added this year.

Along with building on membership, Region I has been giving out scholarships; helping out communities by providing clothing and food to needy families; conducting food drives to restock food banks; sponsoring patients at nursing homes; and sending care packages to soldiers. They are also assisting to educate school children by donating almost 2,000 Energy Activity Books (EAB) and 40 hardbound "Energy 4 Me" books.

Recently in Region II, 2012 ADDC President Judi Adams, Little Egypt Club President Marsha Bundy and Linda Welty, Region II Director, attended the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association Convention and Trade Show. They set up a Desk and Derrick booth and held a draw for a basket of chocolates as they collected business cards as entries. They displayed copies of the DDJ and EAB's and gave out ADDC brochures. In return they will receive a list of 12 companies from the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association that could become supportive of starting a club in Kentucky.

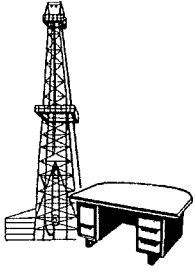
Later in Evansville, IN they presented 13 members of the Tri-State Club their charter, welcoming them as a new club of Region II. At last count there are 124 members in Region II.

Region V reports 12 clubs and 286 members. Like a lot of clubs, there is the constant struggle of losing members to companies downsizing, the slow economy in general or the passing of our beloved long time members. Recruiting is mainly word of mouth or by working with someone that is already a member. Publicizing meetings in the newspaper and highlighting guest speakers also has helped increase membership in some clubs.

Region VII has five clubs and at last count 285 members. There are the possibilities of a club starting in northern Alberta, one in Utah and one or two in booming North Dakota. Region VII members also give back to their communities by holding fundraisers for supplying food for food banks and providing clothing for needy families or women who require career attire to get back into the work force. Assisting in the education of children in schools with EAB donations and educating the general public about the petroleum and allied industries are part of the region's regular activities.

I am so proud to be part of an Association where there is so much caring and giving and where our "Greater Knowledge, Greater Service" motto has long been the key to opening many doors of opportunity. Hats off to all the members of the Association!

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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

ADDC NEEDS YOU!

The 2013 Committee Volunteer forms have started to come in and I personally thank all those who have stepped forward and added their name to the list.

Although the July deadline has passed, there are still many opportunities available for you. The Association could sure use your help and your expertise and organizational skills.

Please take a moment to think about which ADDC Committee you might like to become involved with. In most cases the time requirements are minimal. The ADDC website has a listing of the ADDC committees and what they do. There is also a Committee Volunteer Form available on the website. If that doesn't work for you, just email me and/or your Regional Director and we will add your name to a growing list.

Our Association is made up of volunteers and it is because of volunteers like you that we have accomplished so much with Desk and Derrick and for our industries.

"The broadest, and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering: Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good."
Ivan Scheier

You too can be a part of this GREAT Team!

Marilyn

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BULLETIN / WEB	Angie Duplessis / Charles Miller	Angie Duplessis
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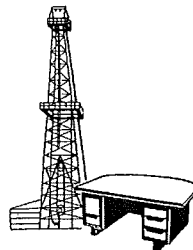
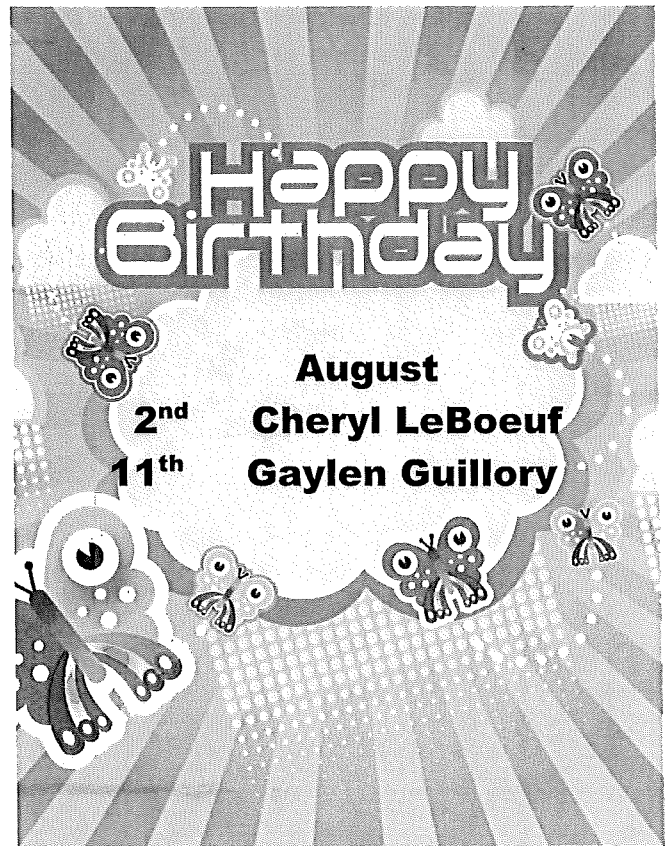
2012 Meeting Dates

BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL 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 MEETING 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

- * Early date due to President's obligations to ADDC President
- ** Early dates due to Regional Meeting date.
- *** Early date due to Convention date
- **** Early dates due to Thanksgiving Holidays
- ***** Early dates due to Christmas Holidays

Save the Date

- Scholarship Fundraiser - Bunco
August 11, 2012
- 2012 ADDC Convention – Oklahoma City, OK
Skirvin Hotel
September 18-22, 2012
- Industry Appreciation Night - Boomtown
November 14, 2012
- 2013 Region III Meeting - Lafayette, LA
Crowne Plaza Hotel
April 17-21, 2013
- 2013 ADDC Convention – Charleston, WV
Charleston Town Center Marriott
September 24-28, 2013
- 2014 ADDC Convention – Lafayette, LA
Hilton Lafayette
September 24-28, 2014



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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 and to educate the general public about these 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.

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Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

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