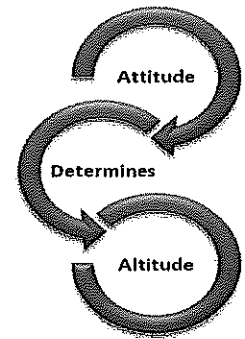
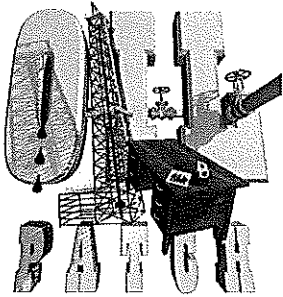


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Westbank Club President's Message

Dear Members:

March brings several holidays – St. Patrick's Day, St. Joseph's Day and Easter! St. Patrick Day means more than parades and green beer. Although historical facts differ on some points, it agrees that St. Patrick was born either in Britain or Wales and considered himself a pagan until the age of 16. At that age, he was taken prisoner by Irish invaders, and sold into slavery. He became a Christian and changed his name to Patrick during his imprisonment. When he escaped he went to study with St. German. St. Patrick had a vision that his mission was to convert pagans to Christianity. He traveled throughout Ireland establishing monasteries across the country and setting up schools and churches to aid him in his indoctrination of the Irish country into Christianity. There is much folk lore about the miracles he performed; however, St. Patrick did not chase the snakes out of Ireland – snakes never resided in Ireland. One traditional icon of St. Patrick's Day is the shamrock. This stems from a bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day. St. Patrick died on March 17 in AD 461. That day has been celebrated as St. Patrick's Day ever since.

March 19 was dedicated to Saint Joseph - Spouse of the Virgin Mary in several Western calendars by the tenth century, and this custom was established in Rome by 1479. According to legend, there was a severe drought in Sicily, and the people prayed for their patron saint to bring them rain. They promised that if he answered their prayers, they would prepare a large feast to honor him. The rain did come, and the people of Sicily prepared a large banquet for their patron saint. The fava bean was the crop which saved the population from starvation and is a traditional part of St. Joseph's Day altars and traditions. Giving food to the needy is a St. Joseph's Day custom. Upon a typical St. Joseph's Day altar, people place flowers, limes, candles, wine, fava beans, specially prepared cakes, breads, and cookies as well as other meatless dishes. Because the feast occurs during Lent, traditionally no meat was allowed on the celebration table. The altar usually has three tiers, to represent the trinity.

And then we celebrate Easter on March 31st when Christians celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. This is an opportune time to practice *positive attitude* as we attend events with our family and friends.

You will be receiving proposed club bylaw amendments prior to our March Meeting. Please review them and be ready to discuss at our general meeting.

Region III Meeting is fast approaching (April 17 – 20)! Please let me know if there is any issue that you wish me to discuss at the Presidents' meeting. I encourage each of you to make your reservations to attend this educational meeting. You can find registration form and details on the ADDC website.

Till Next Month – *"A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort"* – Herm Albright, quoted in *Reader's Digest*, June 1955.

Theresa

Region III Director's Newsletter

Dorothy Dishman
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March 2013

Dear Region III members,

All clubs have received their registration packet for the Region III Meeting in Lafayette, LA. Just a reminder, that the postmark date for the early bird drawing is March 11, 2013. The registration deadline is April 1, 2013 and after that postmarked date a \$10 late fee will be required.

Just a reminder to be sure that your program reports are sent into the Program Chairman, Pam Stewart of the Laurel Club the week after your meeting. These are very important to our tax exempt status!

March is Desk and Derrick Awareness month. Exposing our organization to potential members is very important. The knowledge that we can offer them is so valuable to their career and also to their personal lives!

The Budget and Planning meeting highlights are available in the 20th mailing. Thanks to Marilyn Carter and her assistant Deborah for a great meeting. Also a Huge thank you to Treasurer, Connie Harrison & her employer Valero Energy Corp. for providing everything for the Board of Directors meeting! It was awesome!

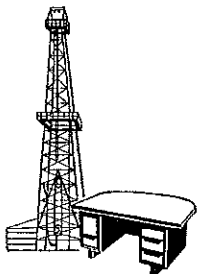
According to the ADDC Bylaws, all clubs in Region III must have their bylaws reviewed, if they have not been reviewed within the past six (6) years. Please check on this and send them to Dorothy Semon, Red River Club, who is serving as the Regional Representative.

Please check your clubs website and get them up to date with data and pictures. They are a very useful tool in recruiting new members and letting others know what is going on in the club and who to contact.

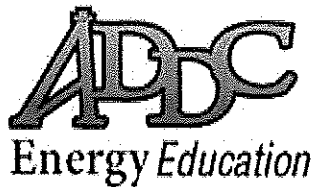
The Lafayette Club is very excited and anxiously awaiting your registrations! Be sure to make your hotel reservations early!

Kindest regards,

Dorothy



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ADDC President Newsletter - March 2013

March is Desk and Derrick awareness month and what better way to start the month than with a new image. At the budget and planning meeting the board approved the development of a new trade stamp and we were looking for something modern that would reflect who we are today. The result is shown above. We hope you like it!

At the strategic planning session, that was part of the Board's budget and planning meeting this year, we looked at ways to rebrand and market ourselves. We felt there was a need to change the perception that others in the industry have of us as an organization. The Board made a choice, to make a change, and we look forward to the difference this will make as we move forward.

The two main areas that we looked at were: rebranding & marketing and membership recruitment & retention. The Board will be enlisting the help of the Membership, Public Relations, Long Range Planning and Leadership Resource committees to help implement some of the goals set out in our planning session.

Also, a special committee comprised of Maggi Franks, Anna Lewis-McBeth and Andre Martin has been set up to assist the committees and the Association to embrace the use of technology as we move forward.

In February, I spent a few days in Charleston, West Virginia working with the 2013 Convention GAC. At the B&P meeting the registration fee was approved at \$200 if registration was sent in prior to July 15th and \$225 if postmarked after July 15th. We are hoping to get registrations in early, so plans can be finalized and deadlines met. The convention package should be out by the time you read this letter. The educational opportunities are endless. The field trips will seem a little long, but that is the nature of the area. The committee has done its best to ensure that the days are broken up, with frequent stops and that there is a nice dinner in the evening prior to your return to the hotel.

The regional meetings begin next month (April) and the RDs and host clubs are busy making final arrangements. Some of the packages are already out and are posted to the website. Take a look and make your plans now. If you have never attended a regional meeting, make a choice to make a change. I will guarantee it will make a difference in your life.

Life is a journey, not a destination....

Marilyn



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March 1, 2013

Desk and Derrick Members,

Guess what? March will soon arrive and this is the featured month to make Desk and Derrick better known in communities across the United State and Canada. Desk and Derrick Awareness Month should be everyone's focus. I challenge every club in the Association to "WOW" others by featuring Desk and Derrick in the month of March in some fantastic way.

1. Write an article on the history of Desk and Derrick and have it published in the newspaper or publish it in your club's monthly bulletin.
2. Invite co-workers to your monthly club meeting and introduce them to Desk and Derrick.
3. Share the ADDC Brochures at work or to other organizations in our industry.

The Public Relations Committee would love to hear what your club did to celebrate Desk and Derrick Awareness Month. So send your information to me and I will help distribute it to other clubs in the organization.

Remember, we can't stop promoting ourselves, we must continue to do so all year long. Desk and Derrick has far too much to offer and we want everyone to understand more about our educational organization.

I would like to introduce those serving on the committee this year;

Region I	Candi Miller
Region II	Kathy Bickel
Region IV	Judi Adams
Region V	Donna Braden
Region VI	Myself (Sharon Hiss)

Our ADDC Board contact is Linda Rodgers.

Thank you all for serving and I feel if we all work together our accomplishments will be greater than we could ever imagine.

Sharon Hiss
ADDC Public Relations Chairman

2013 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND BOARD CONTACT

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	BOARD CONTACT
AIMEE	Bonnie Wall	Self
BULLETIN / WEB	Angie Duplessis/ Charles Miller	Angie Duplessis
BYLAWS / HANDBOOK	JoAnn Brown	Alice Gros
ELECTION	Vera Ledet	Self
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MEMBERSHIP / ORIENTATION	JoAnn Brown	Alice Gros
MEMORY BOOK	Cheryl LeBoeuf/Cora Bergeron	Elaine Lesnak
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PR / LIC /EMPLOYMENT	Pam Lauckner	Self
SCHOLARSHIP	Gaylen Guillory	Theresa Adams
COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROJECTS	Susan Miller	Self

2013 Meeting Dates

BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
January 16, 2013	January 23, 2013
February 20, 2013	February 27, 2013
March 20, 2013	March 27, 2013
April 10, 2013*	April 24, 2013
May 15, 2013	May 22, 2013
June 19, 2013	June 26, 2013
NO MEETING IN JULY	
August 21, 2013	August 28, 2013
September 11, 2013 **	September 18, 2013**
October 16, 2013	October 23, 2013
November 13, 2013 ***	November 20, 2013 ***
December 11, 2013 ****	December 18, 2013 ****

- * Early date due to Regional Meeting date
- ** Early dates due to Convention date
- *** Early dates due to Thanksgiving Holidays
- **** Early dates due to Christmas Holidays

Save the Date

2013 Region III Meeting - Lafayette, LA
Crowne Plaza Lafayette
April 17-20, 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

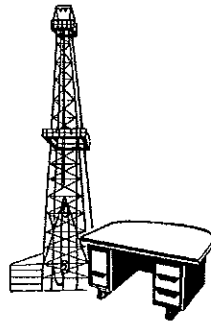
Happy Birthday

Month of March

12th – Cora Bergeron

14th – Sigrid Vedros

26th – Vera Ledet



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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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Monthly General membership Meeting held the fourth Wednesday of each month at
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