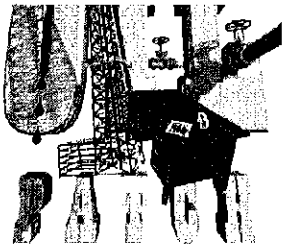


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Dear Members:

February is here already and what a freezing month we have had. I am ready for some

Spring time weather which means Regional Meeting will be around the corner. We received the packets and hoping that we get several members from the Westbank Club to attend since we are only 80 miles away from Baton Rouge. I am looking forward to the Meeting, Seminars, seeing my Desk & Derrick friends from other clubs, and especially the Friday Night Function – Elvis Night. I am a big Elvis fan and visit Graceland once a year.

Back to Desk & Derrick business, I am proud of our club and our members – we had an almost 100% renewal. Our Program Committee is working on some very good programs this year, interesting seminars are in the works and of course we have to have our social functions. We are also active in our community from collecting for the food bank, Special Olympics, sending cards to our troops, and Toys for Tots.

I want to encourage all members to attend our monthly meetings, field trips and seminars. We are never too old to learn all the aspects of this industry. It is an exciting industry and I was so proud to be a part of and learn all I can and still learning because of our fine organization.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for April 3-5, 2014 – Region III Meeting at the Hilton Hotel in Baton Rouge. February's Membership Meeting will be February 26th – Theme will be Mardi Gras.

Susan

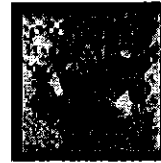
From Life's Little Instruction Book:

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Region III Director's Newsletter

Sharon Blackwell
Region III Director

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February, 2014

Members of Region III,

I hope this letter finds everyone happy, healthy and preparing for Region III in Baton Rouge. The Baton Rouge Club has been working hard on Region Meeting and we would love to have a record attendance. Registration packets will be sent out the first week of February.

My year started with Budget and Planning meeting January 10th and 11th in San Antonio. It was an educational experience and so much fun getting to know the 2014 Board of Directors. On Friday we worked with Chris Edmonds of The Ken Blanchard Companies on strategic planning. The board reviewed ways to improve public perception, recruit and maintain members and set some short term and long term goals. On Saturday it was down to the nuts and bolts of approving the 2014 budget and the board worked really hard to be good stewards of the Association's money.

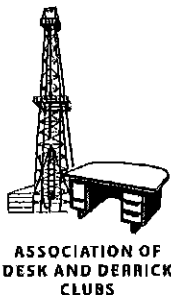
Region III lost a viable piece of its puzzle when the Lord took Liz Pav. Liz had always served as our parliamentarian for Region III. Judi Adams has graciously accepted to serve in this capacity for the 2014 Region Meeting.

Region III still needs an Education and Leadership chairman. I am asking you to step out of your comfort zone and volunteer.

Till Next Month

Sharon Blackwell

Quote of Month: "The most damaging phrase in the language is 'We always did it that way.' (Grace Hopper – American Scientist)



ADDC President's Letter



Linda Rodgers
President

February 2014

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I've heard it said that there is a great difference between being interested in something and being committed to it. It requires personal leadership to make a lasting commitment to any aspiration. Two important elements of personal leadership are inspiring a shared vision and acting on what we are passionate about.

The 2014 Budget and Planning Meeting was a great success! It is very apparent after spending a few days at Budget and Planning with the 2014 Board members that each one has a tremendous amount of personal leadership, enthusiasm and passion! They are very dedicated to the Association's members; their unwavering commitment and consistency is impressive. The Board is trying to bring about meaningful change to ADDC and not just change for the sake of it: change that will bring out more of who we are as an organization.

My first stop prior to the Budget and Planning meeting was in Tulsa, Oklahoma where President-Elect Lori Landry, Treasurer Maggi Franks and I took care of banking matters and then met with Mike Gray, the Association's accountant and Association Manager Andre Martin. After completing our business in Tulsa we headed to San Antonio where we met with the rest of the Board.

Besides working on the annual budget and reviewing committee reports, the Board worked very diligently on the Association's Strategic Plan. It is the Board's vision that the Strategic Plan will contain challenging goals for the Association that result in more impressive achievements. During the next few months, more of these goals and the strategies to implement them will be finalized and revealed. Please take a few minutes to read the separate letter titled "Strategic Plan Update" for more information. Of equal importance are the results of the Membership Survey. In addition to the letter outlining the Strategic Plan, I prepared a separate letter that describes the results of the Membership Survey and is titled "Membership Survey Results".

One of the changes approved by the Board at Budget and Planning is a change in the 20th mailing, which will now be the 30th mailing. We hope this change will allow the Region Directors and me to communicate more effectively and timely with the membership. For our newer members, the 30th mailing is posted to the ADDC website each month.

Have you visited the new ADDC website yet? We are rigorously working on making the website even better. Based on feedback from the members, one important change that was implemented in January is an automatic session timeout and immediate logout when a browser is idle for 10 minutes.

ADDC President's Letter (cont.)



Linda Rodgers
President

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Please note that Andre Martin has a new email address. It is ado@addc.org. Not all forms and Association material is updated yet so please make a note of this change.

The Rules Committee has set February 14, 2014 as the deadline for submitting changes to the ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules. If your Club or Region has any suggestions, be sure to forward these to Val Blanchard, v.blanchard@perryflyingcenter.com, Rules Committee Chairman, by the deadline.

March is Desk and Derrick awareness month. You, the members, are so very important to the Association and also the greatest resource we have for increasing membership. I challenge each of you to tell at least one person about Desk and Derrick this month. Invite them to a meeting or field trip. How can they enjoy the benefits and great opportunities we offer if they don't know who we are and what we do?

Many Regions are making final preparations for their Region Meetings. The first meeting will start us off in early April and the last one will be at the end of May. Detailed information about dates and locations is posted on the ADDC website and registration packages should be available soon. If you have an opportunity to travel to a Region meeting, even if it outside your own Region, I know you will find it to be a rewarding experience.

The registration package for the 2014 Convention in Lafayette, Louisiana is almost complete and should be on the website by the end of February. Kathy Martin, 2014 Convention GAC, has been very busy finalizing all the arrangements for Convention. (Note: Kathy has a new email address which is symday@email.com). Along with help and input of the various Convention committees and Lafayette Club members, this year's Convention will offer an amazing array of field trips, seminars, keynote speakers, and entertainment for you. The 2014 ADDC Convention, "Livin', Lovin' Lafayette" being held September 24-28, 2014 in Lafayette, Louisiana is not to be missed.

In closing, each one of us is a leader in our own homes, businesses and communities. I know that each of us will offer our best and take a personal leadership role in Desk and Derrick. Thank you for giving your best to make the Association a great organization!

Linda Rodgers

Upcoming Events:

Desk and Derrick Awareness Month	March
Region III Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA	April 2-4

BASE LOGISTICS, LLC
Quality Emergency Response Logistics
Bonnie R. Wall, Author - January 23, 2014

The best way to describe this company is to call it "The Party Planners of Disasters," although, they do party planning for private and community functions that are non disaster related.

BASE Logistics is a company the majority of its clients hope to be hired only for celebratory events. Unfortunately this is not always the case. In the event of disasters, its personnel goes into the affected areas working with the local companies it has contracted to get life back to normal as quickly as possible. Prior to the event, they make preparations for incoming set up companies and utilities from around the country to be within a few hours driving distance of the pending disaster area.

Started in 1997 by Westbank businessmen, BASE Logistics is located in Harvey, Louisiana. Work contracts take it to all states in the continental United States. Its mission is to develop and implement world class logistical strategies, which enable its customers to quickly and effectively respond to emergency events. Their core business is in the electric utility industry. It counts several of the largest producers and distributors of commercial and residential electricity as customers. It also supports governmental agencies with managing emergency situations.

Invested in state of the art technology and trained experienced personnel, it is able to provide high quality, cost effective services.

Since its beginning, their personnel and a workforce exceeding 155,000 have provided the logistics support before, during and through the area's restoration period. From 200 to 2,000 plus, BASE can handle the needs.

They handle events such as hurricanes, tropical storms, floods, tornadoes, wind, rain, ice and hail storms, as well as spills and environmental disasters. Three most well known disasters, not only in the US but around the world, were Hurricanes Sandy and Katrina and the BP oil spill.

Through its mobile incident command center and modular office units it provides all the things necessary for the staging sites to do consulting for RFP preparation. Catering - breakfasts, box lunches and dinners, which has served more than 5.5 million meals. Ice in excess of 9.3 million pounds, bottled water, soft and sports drinks. Lodging - tables, chairs, bunk trailers and floored sleep tents with cots, air mattresses, linens and sleeping bags in areas like the New Orleans Superdome. Transportation - individual vehicles and buses, golf carts, potable water trucks and fuel stations. Generators - to run electric tower lights, heating units, fans, air conditioners and refrigeration storage equipment. Hygiene - la undry, restroom and washroom facilities, trash receptacles and disposable work kits. These are just a few of the hundreds of necessities required by the workforce so they can work the sixteen hour days necessary to get life back to normal.

Response time is within twenty-four hours, or as soon as the weather service calls "all clear" and roads are passable.

It does take a national village to recover from disasters.

2014 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND BOARD CONTACTS

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SCHOLARSHIP	GAYLEN GUILLORY	SELF
COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROJECTS	BONNIE WALL	SELF

2014 Meeting Dates

BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
JANUARY 15, 2014	JANUARY 22, 2014
FEBRUARY 19, 2014	FEBRUARY 26, 2014
MARCH 19, 2014	MARCH 26, 2014
APRIL 16, 2014	APRIL 23, 2014
MAY 21, 2014	MAY 28, 2014
JUNE 18, 2014	JUNE 25, 2014
NO MEETING IN JULY	
AUGUST 20, 2014	AUGUST 27, 2014
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 *	SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 *
OCTOBER 15, 2014	OCTOBER 22, 2014
NOVEMBER 12, 2014 **	NOVEMBER 19, 2014 **
DECEMBER 10, 2014 ***	DECEMBER 17, 2014 ***

Save the Date

2014 Region III Meeting - Baton Rouge, LA
Marriott Baton Rouge
April 3-5, 2014

Bunco Party - MI - SWACO
August 9, 2014

2014 ADDC Convention - Lafayette, LA
Hilton Lafayette
September 24-28, 2014

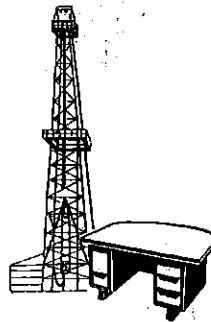
2015 ADDC Convention - Lubbock, TX
Overton Hotel
September 16-20, 2015

2016 ADDC Convention - Denver, CO
Crowne Plaza
September 21-24, 2016

Happy Birthday

Month of February

13th Zelda Gillan
17th Linda Belsome



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Greater Knowledge - Greater Service

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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