

President Letter - January 2016

Welcome to 2016! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Everything is so crazy during the Holidays. We don't always take the time to reflect on our lives and enjoy the simple things. We should focus on appreciating what we have before we run head first into next year.

I am excited about the upcoming year. We will be facing some challenges. We will need to work together as a team so we can ensure that the Westbank Club will continue to thrive.

My theme this year is "Embrace the Change – Meet the Challenge". There have been many changes recently that have affected our lives. Oil prices have plummeted causing a downturn in our industry. Companies are cutting expenses, laying off employees, restructuring or shutting down offices. We need to focus on how our club can get through the tough times and continue to prosper.

In this changing environment, ADDC has amended the Membership section of the Bylaws. We are now allowed to grant membership to individuals interested in increasing their knowledge of the petroleum, energy and allied industries, to former Desk and Derrick members, and to individuals enrolled in an accredited course of study with a declared major in the petroleum, energy, and allied industries. Please go to the ADDC website to read the updated Bylaws. We need to embrace this change and meet the challenge by trying to increase our membership. Invite prospective or former members to a meeting. Renew your membership!

I want to mention some things that I think are important to all our members. The Officers and Board are here to serve you. Any member can attend the board meetings. I am giving each of you an open invitation. If you want to attend a board meeting, just let me know the week before the meeting so I can make sure there is enough food and drinks.

We will be meeting at Boomtown again this year. We are trying to negotiate the terms before we sign contracts. If this changes, we will let you know.

We will use motions in 2016 to conduct the business of the Club. I think this will keep our members involved in the operations of the club and focused on the issues. This should make our meetings run smoothly and efficiently.

I hope to see you all at the January meeting and am looking forward to working with everyone this year. The carnival season is already upon us, so have a Happy Mardi Gras!

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