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Westbank President's Letter - November 2016

WOW! I cannot believe that this year is almost over. It seems like I was just looking forward to serving as President of the Westbank Club and now I will soon be serving as the Immediate Past President. This year has really flown by.

This year has been a challenge for our club. We started out 2016 hoping to increase our membership due to a change in the membership section of the Association Bylaws. Our membership has not increased, but we will continue to try to attract new members and retain our current members.

The future of the Association and the Westbank Club is dependent upon us finding ways to embrace the changes in our industry and face head on the challenges that we encounter. We must work together as a team to ensure that we continue to educate our members and promote our organization. Everyone can help do this by volunteering to work on a committee and actively participating in meetings or other events held during the year.

As we approach the upcoming holidays, let's not focus on what we don't have. I know we all have struggles in our lives, but dwelling on them will not make them go away. We need to reflect within ourselves and be thankful for what we do have.

I am thankful for many things in my life – my family, my friends, my health, my job. My life is far from perfect but every day that I wake up is a good day. I thank God that I live in America and can enjoy the liberty and freedom that so many have fought and died for.

I hope to see all of our members at the November meeting. Also, please remember that our December General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Claudia Prather, Region III Director Elect will be installing our officers. Claudia is traveling a long way to do our installation, so please make every effort to attend the meeting.

Happy Veterans Day and Happy Thanksgiving!

Gaylen



Region III Director's Newsletter

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November, 2016

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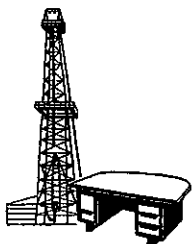
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Dear Region III Members:

Holidays are quickly approaching; and, this year is near an end. How quickly 2016 is passing! I guess the statement – time flies when you're having fun - is apropos!

Congratulations to Mark Loch, new ADO Manager and ADO HAS MOVED!
The new mailing addresses are as follows:

The new ADO address for mailing checks, renewals and any correspondence send via USPS is;

P.O. Box 847
Bethany, OK 73008

The physical address for returning display materials. CDs etc. via UPS is;

4616 N.W. 34th
Oklahoma City, OK 73122

More convention news (as promised in the October 2016 letter) includes:

1. The GAME as a Special Committee has been approved for another year.
2. The Distinguished Member Service Award was presented to Jean Rinehart, member of the Midland Desk and Derrick Club.
3. The Distinguished Energy Service Award was presented to Mr. Stuart Mussler for his support of Desk and Derrick
4. It was recommended that each club have a long range plan. Does your club have a long range plan? Now is the time to think about the goals and plans for the future of your club.
5. Convention 2017 will be in San Antonio, Texas at the Holiday Inn Riverwald, September 19-24.
Convention 2018 will be held in Evansville, IN at the Doubletree Hotel from September 19- 22, 2018.
Region VI will host the 2019 Convention in Kansas City, MO.
6. Region III AIMEE winners:
Lafayette Club won a First Place AIMEE for their Industry Seminar entitled *Lafayette Oil Directory Goes Digital*.

Baton Rouge Club won two Second Place AIMEEs for Best Small Bulletin and Best President's Letter.

Laurel Club won two Second Place AIMEEs for Best Industry Program and Best Desk and Derrick Program; and a Third Place AIMEE for Best Industry Field Trip

New Orleans Club won a Second Place AIMEE for Best Desk and Derrick Article.

Red River Club won a Second Place AIMEE for Best Industry Article.

A huge THANK-YOU to all Region III Members and Clubs who used their creativity to participate in these awards.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE REGION III AIMEE WINNERS!!

Is your club taking advantage of the Potential New Member Reimbursement Program? This is a great tool for all clubs to recruit interested parties. Please review the Potential Member reimbursement rules in order to assist your club with recruitment opportunities. In 2017, there will be another incentive to clubs for retention and recruitment of members. Please be on the lookout for these great opportunities to grow your clubs.

I'm sure that Claudia Prather, 2017 RD, would appreciate your help during 2017. Check with Claudia to see if she needs regional reps or assistance with the regional meeting. I KNOW she will appreciate your involvement!

REMINDER: Monthly program reports are due to Claudia Prather, Program Chairman, within a week of your meeting date.

Till next month,
Theresa



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November 2016

Some memories are unforgettable, remaining ever vivid and heartwarming!
Joseph B Wirthlin

Fall is a time of change, the leaves begin to change their color, and the weather cannot seem to make up its mind to be cold or warm. Fall is a time to reflect back on the year and to continue to improve and make those changes we worked so hard for at the beginning of the year. It is also a time of reflection and thankfulness for all that we have in this life and to continue to strive to do our best.

The 65th Annual Convention of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs has come and gone but the memories will linger on forever in my heart and mind. What a wonderful experience it was and I cherish seeing all of you that attended. My only regret is that everyone in the association was not there. But I know that you were there in spirit and I felt each one of your presence in my heart. Thank you again to Region VII for your hard work. It was greatly appreciated.

Speaking of changes, we have made a very definite change in our ADO Manager and Office. As you know Andre has left to take a different life path and we wish him well with whatever that brings his way. Mark Loch is now our new ADO Manager and with that we have moved our office to Bethany, OK. This is a suburb of Oklahoma City. The new address and phone number is as follows:

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Mark is very eager to help whenever and wherever he can and is very passionate about Desk and Derrick and I know you will find him very helpful. Give him a call or email and get to know Mark. You will be glad you did.

Your 2017 Board is already eager to get started and continue on with the groundwork we have begun this year. Look for some improvements and exciting changes for our Association. I also happen to know that the Convention next year here in San Antonio will be one you do not want to miss. So start saving your pennies and making your plans to come and see this very exciting and vibrant city of San Antonio and be ready for a lot of knowledge imparted during this time. Guess I am a little prejudice as I live here but I know with the 2017 Board we have and this exciting city it will be memorable.

Thank you all again for this great honor to serve as your Association President. It has truly been an experience and I have learned so much. You are all such awesome members and I appreciate your dedication and hard work. Now we have to continue to work hard to increase our membership and our knowledge.

Happy Thanksgiving and I am so thankful for each and every one of you.

Connie J Harrison
2016 ADDC President

“THE MAN BEHIND THE RIG”

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ALDEN J. “DOC” LABORDE

The Desk & Derrick Club of the Westbank's May 25, 2016 industry program was “The Life and Times of Alden J. “Doc” Laborde, presented by Mr. James Hunter. Mr. Hunter, who is now retired, worked in the petroleum industry for many years. At one time, he was an employee of Mr. Laborde.

Mr. Laborde was a Louisiana businessman, inventor, and founder of three offshore-oil companies that are publicly traded on the stock exchange.

Alden Laborde was born on December 18, 1915 in Vinton, Louisiana. His family moved to Marksville, Louisiana in 1917 and he graduated from Marksville High School in 1932. Alden attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge for two years. He joined the ROTC which led to his nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1934. Alden graduated in 1938, 54th in a class of 420. After graduation, Alden took the Officers Medical Exam but failed the eye exam portion and was given a “Probationary Commission” as a Communications Officer on the battleship *Tennessee*.

Alden was dismissed from the Navy in 1940 because of his poor eyesight. However, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he returned to active duty. During World War II he was the Commander of three combat vessels in the Pacific and Atlantic theaters. During this time, he married his wife Margaret. Japan surrendered in 1945 and Alden retired as a Commander.

Alden returned to Marksville on Christmas Eve in 1945. He began working in the oil industry. He started working as a Roustabout Forman on an inland barge. He was a quick study, and he began to devise ways to solve problems and make work more productive. He set up a boiling water testing lab, acquiring his nickname, “Doc”, because mud engineers always were called mud doctors.

In 1948, Alden went to work for Kerr-McGee Corp. in Morgan City, Louisiana. Kerr-McGee had a platform built for each new rig. Doc regarded this process as inefficient and costly. He believed that a mobile, submersible offshore drilling rig was better. Officials at Kerr-McGee did not agree.

In 1953 he set out to find investors to build his rig design and founded Ocean Drilling and Exploration Co., ODECO, to build the world's first offshore mobile drilling barge. Charles Murphy, Jr., Murphy Corp. (now Murphy Oil Corp.), loaned him \$500,000 and recruited other investors.

The first rig built was named “Mr. Charlie” after Murphy's father, Murphy Oil's founder. ODECO's first customer, Shell Oil, used the rig to drill an exploratory well thirty feet deep near the mouth of the Mississippi River. The rig was kept in service for twenty years. The “Mr. Charlie” is now known as the Rig Museum in Morgan City, Louisiana. It is not only a museum, but it is also used as an oil field training center.

Demand for the portable rigs grew, and ODECO became a world leader in producing them. ODECO is now a part of Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc.

In the 1950's, Doc Laborde moved to New Orleans because the drilling rig company relocated to the Industrial Canal. He and 10 friends founded Tidewater Marine (now Tidewater, Inc.) and started building offshore supply vessels. Mr. Laborde designed the present day oil field supply

boat with the pilot house in the front of the boat and the cargo area in the rear. He developed this new design once he discovered the boats being used (repurposed Navy ships, shrimp boats, etc.) to carry supplies needed by the rigs were not equipped to handle the job productively. This was another huge success, just like ODECO.

January 1, 1977 at the age of sixty-one he retired, but continued to keep busy in the industry and the community.

In 1985, thirty-one years after starting Tidewater Marine, at age seventy, he and partner Huey Wilson, founded Gulf Island Fabrication Inc., which became a leader in making production and drilling platforms.

Thirteen years later, in 1998, at the young age of eighty-three, he designed the Min Doc. He was sole owner of the All Aboard Development Corp., an oil and gas exploration and production company.

During his lifetime, Mr. Laborde was a dedicated and honored community leader. He was a former president of the International Association of Drilling Contractors and the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

His achievements in the industry won him the honor of being inducted into the National Business Hall of Fame on April 1, 1985. Others in the Hall of Fame with him are J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Walt Disney, Henry Ford and Eli Whitney.

In September 1987, he was on the host committee for Pope John Paul II, who named him a Knight of St. Gregory the Great. He was a member of St Vincent de Paul Society, received honorary doctorates from Loyola and Xavier, was awarded the Presidents Medal by St. Mary's Dominican College, the Integrities Vitae Award by Loyola, was declared an Honorary Alumnus at Tulane and was inducted into its Engineering Hall of Fame. Mr. Laborde was also in the Junior Achievement National Business Hall of Fame, a member of All American Wildcatters, and received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Offshore Technology Conference.

In 2003, in a Louisiana Life magazine interview, Doc Laborde described his lifetime of creating three of Louisiana's premier oil related industries by saying "*we were doing this all by the seat of our pants.*"

On June 6, 2014, Mr. Laborde died at age ninety-eight.

A question and answer period followed the presentation of "The Man Behind The Rig". Mr. Hunter was presented with a club pin and a certificate of appreciation. A donation was made to Westbank's Scholarship Fund in his name.

Submitted by Bonnie R. Wall

LOUISIANA OFFSHORE OIL PORT

The Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP), is an essential energy transport hub, receiving and storing crude oil for delivery to the nation's refineries. It is the largest privately-owned and operated crude oil repository in the nation. LOOP began operations in 1981. The *Texaco Caribbean* was the first ship to use the LOOP Marine Terminal in the Gulf of Mexico, traveling almost 10,000 miles to do so. LOOP began receiving domestic crude oil supplies from deepwater projects and sub sea fields in the Gulf of Mexico in 1996. In 2002, LOOP began operation of above ground storage tanks to augment its crude storage network and to accommodate unique crude supplies.

Loop customers can choose either underground storage in a salt cavern or above ground storage in tanks. Eight underground caverns provide a total storage capacity of over 60 Million barrels. These caverns facilitate efficient offloading of crude in large volumes. Deliveries to refineries can be made in smaller batches to meet specific needs. LOOP's storage caverns are valued by offshore producers who seek to ensure their production has an uninterrupted flow to locations in the South and throughout the Midwest.

For those choosing tank storage, LOOP operates a state-of-the-art tank facility consisting of 15 tanks that are each 50 feet high and 315 feet in diameter. Each tank has a floating roof and can hold up to 600,000 barrels of oil. The combination of cavern storage and tank storage gives LOOP more than 70 Million barrel storage capacity. LOOP continues to expand to meet market demands, and is building seven smaller tanks with a 355,000 barrel capacity each in order to accommodate shifting market demand.

The center of LOOP's operation is the Clovelly Hub. It is truly a hub, as it receives offloaded crude from tankers at its Marine Terminal, crude from deepwater production fields in the Gulf of Mexico via the Mars and Endymion pipeline systems, and crude from the HO-HO Pipeline from Texas. When customers request delivery from the Clovelly Hub, LOOP can deliver supplies promptly and precisely and can even offer a full blending capability and crude title transfers. LOOP has the flexibility to meet all demands.

LOOP has direct access to Southeast Louisiana refineries through the CAM pipeline, the Clovelly to Norco pipeline, and the LOCAP pipeline. The refineries include Shell St Rose, Valero Mereaux, Valero St. Charles, Chalmette Refining, Motiva Norco, and Phillips 66 Alliance. These refineries have the capacity per day to refine over 1.1 Million barrels.

LOOP operates the LOCAP pipeline and terminal in St James, La. Crude oil arriving at LOCAP can access over 1.3 million barrels per day of additional refining capacity. The refineries include ExxonMobil Baton Rouge, Marathon Garyville, and Motiva Convent. Oil arriving at LOCAP in St. James has access to other neighborhood terminals and carrier pipelines. This allows for additional market access for LOOP's customers.

During the transfer of oil, there is always a safety vessel on patrol. LOOP strives to conduct its business in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. Over the decades and the receipt and delivery of more than 11 billion barrels of crude, there have been NO major spills! If there would be one, however, LOOP has an extensive emergency response team and has a trained onsite team. They own and have ready access to substantial spill containment and recovery equipment.

LOOP's mission is "to link world energy producers with America's refineries by receiving, storing and delivering unsurpassed volumes of crude oil with preeminent reliability, efficiency, and customer optionality".

In an operation of this size and scope, we were amazed to learn that LOOP has only 209 employees. This includes personnel at all of LOOP's locations and LOOP's headquarters located on the Northshore of Lake Pontchartrain in Covington, Louisiana.

LOOP has played a key role in meeting the nation's energy needs and will continue to meet the challenges of efficiently fueling our changing world.

By Bonnie R. Wall & Dottie Ancona

Top 10 Things You Didn't Know About Wind Power

- 1 By 2050, the United States has the potential to avoid the emission of more than 12.3 gigatonnes of greenhouse gases and save 260 billion gallons of water by continuing to increase the amount of wind energy that powers our homes, schools and businesses. In 2015, the Energy Department released ***Wind Vision: A New Era for Wind Power in the United States***, which quantifies the economic, social, and environmental benefits of a robust wind energy future through 2050.
2. Wind energy is affordable. Wind prices for power contracts signed in 2015 and levelized wind prices (the price the utility pays to buy power from a wind farm) are as low as 2 cents per kilowatt-hour in some areas of the country. These rock-bottom prices are recorded by the Energy Department's annual **Wind Technologies Market Report**.
- 3 The United States' wind power capacity stood at nearly 74 gigawatts at the end of 2015. That's enough electricity to power more than 19 million homes annually -- more than the total number of homes in -- Alaska, California, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota and Vermont *combined*, and represents a 12 percent increase since 2014.
- 4 The United States generates more wind energy than any other country, and wind represented the largest source of all newly installed U.S. electricity generation capacity in 2015.
5. Offshore wind represents a major opportunity to provide power to highly populated coastal cities. See what the Energy Department is doing to **develop offshore wind** in the United States.
6. Most of the components of wind turbines installed in the United States are manufactured here. There are many wind-related manufacturing facilities located **throughout the United States**, and the U.S. wind energy industry currently employs more than 88,000 people.
- 7 Higher wind speeds mean more electricity, and wind turbines are getting taller to reach higher heights above ground level where it's even windier. See the Energy Department's **wind resource maps** to find average wind speeds in your state or hometown and learn more about how taller wind turbines can expand developable areas for wind energy production in the Energy Department's **2015 Enabling Wind Power Nationwide** report.
- 8 Wind turbines are big. Wind turbine blades average over 160 feet long, and turbine towers average over 260 feet tall -- about the height of the Statue of Liberty.
9. Today's wind turbines are much more complicated machines than the traditional prairie windmill. A wind turbine has as many as 8,000 different **components**.
- 10 Human civilizations have harnessed **wind power for thousands of years**. Early forms of windmills used wind to crush grain or pump water. Now, modern wind turbines use the wind to create electricity.

Source: Department of Energy

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE AND WHOOPEE!

“GREATER KNOWLEDGE”, a part of Desk and Derrick’s motto, was the focus of an orientation program presented to Westbank members at the September general membership meeting. This was like a trivia contest and the questions were comprised of Association, Regional, or Club levels. The 2016 Officers and Board of Directors made up the questions. President, Gaylen Guillory, and Past Presidents Susan Miller, Bonnie Wall, Gabriella Hunter, and Angie Duplessis presented five sets of questions. This game turned out to be not only educational, but a comedic experience.

The membership is always hands up when asking questions of our program speakers during the year. When it comes time for our regular orientation program, they become quiet and demure. If you didn’t know any better, you would think their hands were glued to their sides or chairs.

An answer sheet was given to everyone. Members were instructed to fill in the blanks in silence as questions were read out loud to them. At the end of the presentation, using the honor system, everyone was instructed to grade themselves and the person with the most correct answers would win a prize. The person with the fewest correct answers would win a Bobbie prize.

The first presenter, Gaylen, began giving the answers. Murmurs were heard from the audience after the first and second answer. After the third answer was given, the murmur turned into a choir of soft, sweet and gentle voices. Once the fourth answer was given, the room started to sound like football fans in the closing seconds of the Super Bowl with the game tied and one team on the one yard line.

The ongoing discussions after each remaining question, once the choir started, became more educational. It was a trip down memory lane for some of the older more “seasoned” members and it sparked the enthusiasm of newer members who are eagerly awaiting future Regional Meetings and Conventions.

Next, each presenter gave the correct answers for their set of questions. Finally, Susan Miller, the Program Chairperson asked how many people got all the questions correct. She started counting backwards from 25. We had a few Past Association Presidents in the room that chose not to be considered for a prize but did participate in the discussion that followed the questions and answers. First, Second, Third, and Boobie prizes were given out.

This was a very fun and exciting way to achieve an educational experience that can be shared by all members.

Submitted by Bonnie R. Wall

Save the Date

Happy Birthday

Field Trip - Spartan Industrial Supply
TBA

2017 Region III Meeting - El Dorado, AR
April 20-23, 2017

Bunco Fundraiser - August 5, 2017

2017 ADDC Convention - San Antonio, TX
September 19-24, 2017

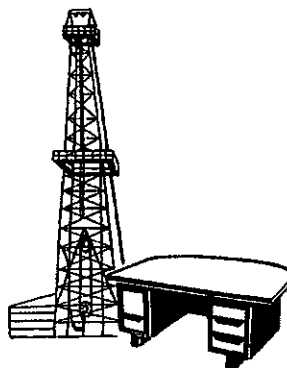
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October 3-6, 2018

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ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS

MOTTO

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 as well as the companies and global communities the members serve

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

OIL PATCH

Is the official monthly publication of the Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank. Articles or editorials posted in this newsletter represent the personal opinions of the authors and do not represent the views or opinions of the ADDC organization.

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Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m

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