



The Westbank Oil Patch



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
RE-IGNITING THE FLAME

Dear Members,

Ahhh February, the month of love and Mardi Gras time down here in the South!! We are not having much Southern weather lately but we are enjoying it. I am ready for some springtime weather which means Region III Meeting will be around the corner. Hoping to get our members to attend the Region III Meeting in El Dorado, Arkansas, to re-ignite the flame of Desk and Derrick to our members from all over the Region. I know the El Dorado Club members are working hard for a successful meeting.

I am proud of our members; we already have almost 100% membership renewal. Members will be taking advantage of programs, field trips, seminars, fund-raisers, and other events our committee chairmen are planning for this year to get us motivated and keep our fires lit.

Encouraging our members to participate throughout the year is one of my main goals this year. We are never too old to learn about aspects of the industry of which we are so proud. It is an exciting industry which is constantly changing.

Scholarship Applications are available online for qualified students; the Westbank Club is proud to be able to assist students through our Scholarship Fund.

Remember to keep the Desk and Derrick flame going.

SUSAN

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Election: TBA

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Finance: Dottie Ancona

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Membership/Orientation: Jo Ann Brown

Nominating: TBA

Program/IAN: Angie Duplessis/Theresa Adams

Scholarship: Gaylen Guillory

Social: Alice Gros

Community Relations: Angie Duplessis



Congratulations!

*Judy Guillot—winner of
January 50/50 drawing!*



Congratulations!

Elaine Lesnak celebrated her 30th year anniversary with M-I SWACO on 1/12/17. She fondly remembers doing the hiring paperwork for the managers that treated her to lunch for the celebration.

*“Once the fire is lit under us
there is no limit to the power it
can generate”*

Winston Churchill

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

Board Meetings

January 18
 February 15
 March 15
 April 12
 May 17
 June—No Meeting
 July 19
 August 16
 September 13
 October 18
 November 8
 December 6

Membership Meetings

January 25
 February 22
 March 22
 April 19
 May 24
 June – No Meeting
 July 26
 August 23
 September 27
 October 25
 November 15
 December 12



FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	Gabe H 10	11
12	Zelda G 13	 14	Board Mtg 15	16	Linda B 17	18
19	President's Day 20	21	Member Mtg 22	23	24	25
26	27	Mardi Gras 28				



President Susan Miller and Guest Speaker Gaylen Guillory

Join us in February!
Guest Speaker:
Angie Duplessis, Vice
President
Topic: Geothermal
Energy 101



Mark your calendars!
Angie and Leon Duplessis
32 Year Wedding Anniversary
June 14!



General
Arrangements
Elaine Lesnak
Zelda Gillan

The 2016 AIMEE Committee submitted the following for the 2017 ADDC AIMEE Contest:

- Large Bulletin - *Westbank Oil Patch* - April-May 2016 - Editor: Angie Duplessis
- Best Industry Article - *LOOP - Louisiana Offshore Oil Port* - June-Nov 2016 - Authors: Bonnie Wall and Dottie Ancona
- Best President's Letter - January 2016 - Author: Gaylen Guillory
- Best D&D Article - *The Price of Oil* - January-March 2016 - Author: Angie Duplessis
- Best Industry Program - *The Man Behind the Rig, The Life and Times of Alden J. "Doc" Laborde* - 5/25/16 Speaker: James Hunter - Coordinator/Author: Bonnie Wall
- Best D Program - *Who, What, When, and Whoopie!* - 9/28/16 - Speakers: Gaylen Guillory, Susan Miller, Bonnie Wall, Gabriella Hunter, and Angie Duplessis - Coordinators/Authors: Gaylen Guillory, Susan Miller, Bonnie Wall, Angie Duplessis, and Dottie Ancona
- Best D&D Seminar - *The 2010 Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill, Then and Now* - Saturday 11/5/16 - Speaker: Gaylen Guillory - Coordinators/Authors: Gaylen Guillory and Bonnie Wall
- Best Industry Field Trip - No Entry - November Field Trip postponed to 2017
- Best Industry Photograph - *Oilfield Trash* - 5/14/16 Photographer: Dottie Ancona

The winners of the Regional Awards of Merit will be announced at the Region III Meeting in El Dorado, AR. Good luck to our club members!

THE 2010 GULF OF MEXICO OIL SPILL--THEN AND NOW

The spill is known as the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, the BP Oil Spill, the BP Oil Disaster, The Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill and The Macondo Blowout. It was called the “worst environmental disaster the U.S. has faced” by White House adviser Carol Browner. It was the largest spill in U.S. history, about twenty times greater than the Exxon Valdez.

On April 20, 2010 at 9:53 pm a “May Day” went out from the Deepwater Horizon. Before the US Coast Guard could arrive on location, disaster had struck. The 18,000 feet deep oil well known as the “Macondo” had blown out.

The blowout caused an explosion and fire on the rig. The greatest tragedy of the blowout was that eleven men lost their lives and at least seventeen others were seriously injured. How can anyone put a price on that? No amount of money can ever make up for the loss of life. The rig was a massive inferno and it continued to burn for another two days.

On April 22, 2010, Earth Day, the rig sank. When it sank, the pipe that was connecting the rig to the well was severed and oil began spewing into the Gulf. British Petroleum (BP) tried several methods to stop the flow of oil from the well, but unfortunately all the attempts failed until they were finally able to plug the well on July 15, 2010. The oil had continued to pour into the Gulf for eighty-seven days. There are a lot of different estimates on how much oil was released, but it was agreed through the courts, the amount of oil was 3.19 million barrels.

What caused the blowout? There were several things that contributed to the blowout. One of the causes was that BP decided to drill the well 100 feet deeper than originally planned. Drilling that last 100 feet caused the wellbore to be extremely fragile. When the drilling was completed on April 9, 2010, BP was over budget and behind schedule. There was pressure to get the job done. This led to the wrong methods being used to make sure that the cement was properly applied. The cement casing had holes in it which allowed fluids and natural gas to penetrate the casing causing the well to blow out. Finally, BP ignored red flags raised about engineering issues while the cement job was in progress and disregarded failed pressure test results for the well seal that were reported on the night of the explosion.

What were the effects of the oil spill on the Gulf of Mexico? In the months immediately following the spill, thousands of birds, sea turtles, fish, shrimp, oysters, marine mammals and underwater vegetation was destroyed or damaged. Wetlands and coast lines were affected. The long-term negative effects are still unclear and in many cases highly disputed. Some studies have shown negative impacts on the wildlife and others have shown some of the species are bouncing back. BP eagerly points out the Gulf is healing itself. However, most long-term scientific studies of disasters in our environment take longer than five years to be fully known.

Phillippe Cousteau, Ocean Conservationist, saw much of the spill's aftermath in 2010. He was astonished by the abundance of fish, sharks and other marine life he saw while on a trip in 2015. He believes it is too early to say the Gulf is back and the oil is gone. "It is still in many cases in the sand, along the shoreline and in the marshes and existing on a microscopic scale that we may not be able to see with the naked eye."

The Gulf seafood industry is recovering but there are still problems to be dealt with. The seafood industry was virtually shut down immediately following the spill. People were afraid to eat seafood. Five years after the spill, the problem became the supply. Restaurants can change their menus according to the supply of seafood but large retail chains such as Target or Costco expect to receive the products they order.

To summarize, the BP oil spill affected the entire Gulf region. The immediate economic and environmental impacts were quite obvious. People lost their jobs, companies shut down, and many species of marine life were threatened.

Unfortunately, it is still too soon to determine the long term effects on the environment and the marine life.

By Gaylen Guillory



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February 2017

Dear friends and fellow members,

February brings with it thoughts of Valentines and the Groundhog. To me it's a reminder that I must love what I do, because like in *Groundhog Day*, I do it over and over. But that's the life of an accountant, and, yes, I do enjoy it. Sometimes though, the monotony can get to you, and you just need to change things up.

This year at Budget and Planning, we changed things up a bit. We went through all the committee reports and the Board reports as usual, but we didn't stop there. We took the time to decide what direction we wanted to head with the Association. That involved coming up with tasks for everyone in ADDC. When I say everyone, I mean everyone. We outlined tasks for each of the committees, for the Board, for the regions, and for the clubs. We are in the process of sending these tasks out to everyone, so keep a lookout for updates soon. I know I might be slightly biased, but I believe this may have been the most productive planning meeting I've attended.

One of the changes that has happened over the course of the last two years is to include our ADO Manager and Webmaster at these planning meetings. Mark Loch (ADO Manager) and Wayne Ammons (Webmaster) play a vital role in the day-to-day operations of our organization. They are the face of ADDC, so including them in the budget and planning process only aids them in providing us, the members, with better service. Like the Parliamentarian and Executive Assistant, they do not have voting rights, but along with the Parliamentarian and EA, they were given a voice. This truly enhanced our meeting. This year's Board is a diverse group, and it was immediately apparent at Budget & Planning that each member intended in the utmost to advance the Association's best interests. We should all be proud of our Regional Directors and officers. I know I am.

I teased everyone by mentioning the new blog and video welcome, and I promise you will see them soon. I apologize for the delay, but unforeseen circumstances (mainly a server crash at my daytime job) kept me from completing these tasks as timely as I had hoped.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Regional meetings. I will be attending almost all of them. I regret being unable to be with my Region VI friends in person, but the silver lining is that I will get to see everyone at the Region III meeting scheduled for the same weekend. I still haven't figured out, unfortunately, how to be in two places at once. But Region VI will be in great hands — Christina Forth, Tammy Watkins, and your own Wendy Sparks will be there to share the weekend. If I can work out the details, I will try to Skype in for part of the meeting.

Until next month,

Maggi Franks

Region III Director's Newsletter

February 2017

Claudia Prather
Region III Director
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Dear Region III Members:

Wow! What a tremendous learning experience. The budget and planning meeting was very educational. Everyone worked very hard all day to handle the Association's business, find innovative solutions to existing and future issues, and to come up with goals that will ensure the future success of our Association. It was an amazing experience to watch everyone work together and everything flow together so beautifully. Kudos to Maggi, our 2017 ADDC President, for such a fantastic and productive meeting! Thank you to all of those on the board for such a wonderful and positive experience!

The 2017 Nominating Committee is working hard to fill the position of Region Director for 2018. We have so many talented and qualified members in our Region! I want to encourage you to step up and volunteer to serve in this capacity. If you are interested in submitting your name, please send your information to Kathy Denley, Alice Gros, or Angelia Duplessis. Thank you, ladies for agreeing to serve on this committee.

All membership lists and dues are due by February 28th. The deadline for all submissions to the DDJ is March 1st and speaking of March, it is Desk and Derrick Awareness Month. Some ideas for the month of March may be to have a membership drive or have a creative Orientation Program and invite co-workers, or maybe have a meet and greet at a local coffee shop where ADDC brochures, along with Club pamphlets can be distributed. Another tool you can use is distributing copies of the Insight, not just to your members, but also to anyone you think might be a potential member.

The El Dorado Club is working very hard on putting together an educational Region meeting. The seminars and field trips are going to be fantastic, so be sure to make plans to attend. Packets will be coming real soon. The meeting dates are Thursday, April 27th through Sunday, April 30th at the Holiday Inn Express in El Dorado, AR. The room rate is \$114.75 including tax and also includes breakfast.

I want to say thank you to all of those who have signed up for a Region rep position and there is only one position left that needs to be filled. The Publication committee still needs a rep for our Region, so please help me get this last position filled. I would also like to thank Ada Weeks for agreeing to be our 2017 Region Parliamentarian, to Carol Schiavone for agreeing to be our Region Treasurer for 2017, Kathy Martin and Karen Thomasse for agreeing to put together a scrapbook for me. Any pictures or items you think I would enjoy having, please send them to these two ladies.

Have a Very Happy Valentine's Day and a Safe and Fun Mardi Gras!

Claudia K. Prather

Region III Motto: Open Hands: Receive by Giving





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Happy Valentine's Day to all ADDC members, Club Presidents and Board of Directors;

As I look at the calendar I cannot believe that the first month of 2017 has already passed, it seems like just yesterday we were bringing in the New Year.

2017 is off to a great start, our nation has a new leader and there is new leadership within the ADDC at both the club level and the Board level. Your 2017 Board is working hard for all of you to grow the ADDC and secure that it will continue to be the leading educational and networking organization within the energy industry for many years to come.

The 2017 Budget and planning meeting was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma on January 13th and 14th, be on the lookout for the budget and planning meeting highlights to be available on the ADDC website soon. Your Board of Directors discussed a great many ideas to move the organization forward and to keep the ADDC strong and viable for many years to come.

Region meetings, for 2017, are coming together and the registration packets for these meetings will be posted on the ADDC website as soon as they are available. Make your hotel, travel and meeting registrations early so you do not miss out on the wonderful opportunities each and every Region meeting will have to offer.

ADO appreciates the diligence shown by all club Presidents and members alike in responding to the requests of the ADO office for information etc. Just a reminder ADO is here for you to help in any way possible with all of your ADDC needs and to answer any ADDC questions you may have. Working together we will keep ADDC great.

I look forward to attending at least 2 region meetings in 2017 and hope that all of you will try to attend your region meeting and more if possible. I can assure you that Region Directors and GACs in every region are working hard to make the 2017 Region meetings the best ever. You will not want to miss them.

I hope everyone is planning on spending this Valentine's Day with someone special in your life whether that be a spouse, a significant other or special family members or all of these together. It is my hope that during this Valentine's Day season we will all be able to share love and bring hope to our world.

Until next month, always be the best you can be and let your actions demonstrate your positive words to those around you.

Sincerely;

Mark Loch
ADO Manager
ADDC



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2017 U.S. Club Presidents and Regional Fund Treasurers

Date: January 2, 2017

RE: ADDC Form TAXE1; TAXE2, IRS Form 990 and 990N

All U.S. Clubs must file ADDC Form TAXE1 and a copy of the IRS Form 990/990-EZ or 990N with the Tax Exempt Committee Chairman (TECC) on or before MAY 15, 2017.

- If your club is covered under the ADDC Group Exemption and had 2016 gross income under \$50,000, send the ADDC Form TAXE1 to me on or before May 15, 2017. Form 990N, an electronic postcard, must also be filed with the IRS by May 15 and a copy of the IRS acceptance email must be sent to me also. The form is available on the IRS website (www.irs.gov). This form must be submitted over the internet and cannot be mailed to the IRS. Please check the appropriate box on the TAXE1 form so I know you've filed the postcard and then forward the IRS approval to me once you receive it.
- If your club is covered under the ADDC Group Exemption and had 2014 gross income of \$50,000 or over, file IRS Form 990 or IRS Form 990-EZ with the IRS and forward a copy together with ADDC Form TAXE1 to me on or before May 15, 2017.
- If you do not get a confirmation email from me within three days, please follow-up on it. I will acknowledge all submissions.
- At this time, all US clubs are covered under the group exemption.

ADDC TAXE1 (form) and TAXE2 (instructions) are included with this mailing and on the ADDC website under Members Only, ADDC Forms. Please review the form and read the instructions.

Additionally, carefully verify if the Club address provided is permanent, and check the appropriate space. This address information will be provided to the ADO office to update their records. If you cannot locate, or have a question about your Club's (or Region Fund's) Tax ID number, please contact me.

The committee asks that should a Club receive any notice or request from the IRS (other than the need to file a 990N), immediately notify your Region Director and the Tax Exempt Chairman. As each Club is part of the ADDC Group Exemption, any IRS inquiry may affect all Clubs.

Thank you,

Judith A. Saf
2017 Tax Exempt U.S. Committee Chair

Upcoming GoM Lease Sale!

The next Offshore Gulf of Mexico Central Planning Area Lease Sale 247 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. It will be an online sale as offered last time and you can find the latest news on this upcoming sale at: <https://www.boem.gov/Sale-247/>

Did you see:

the great article Helen Williams wrote about the Westbank Desk and Derrick Club? It was published in the January 24th issue of the *Gretna Picayune*. (It's available online at http://blog.nola.com/westbank/2017/01/west_bank_desk_and_derrick_clu.html#incart_river_index) Many of our seasoned members may well remember Helen. She tells me she actually joined the club members on field trips and offshore adventures "back in the day."

Energy Saving Tips for Your Home

FIND AND SEAL LEAKS

Seal the air leaks around utility cut-throughs for pipes ("plumbing penetrations"), gaps around chimneys and recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.

Add caulk or weather-stripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.

MAINTAIN YOUR HEATING SYSTEMS

Schedule annual service for your heating system.

Replace your furnace filter once a month or as needed.

LOWER WATER HEATING COSTS

Water heating accounts for about 18% of the energy consumed in your home.

Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding your hands.

JOULES OF WISDOM (SOURCE: ENERGY.GOV)

The Power Grid

Ever since Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla battled it out during the War of the Currents in the late 19th century, electricity has been a central part of life in America. We are constantly connected to the power grid, which keeps our food refrigerated, our homes heated, our computers running and our rooms lit. Power lines, transmission stations and power plants have become a part of the landscape -- to the point that we hardly notice them.

But have you ever really thought about the complex system that generates electricity, carries it across miles of transmission lines and then delivers it to your home?

As you can see in the infographic to the right, our power grid is a network of power plants, substations, transformers, wires, sensors and poles that carry electricity sometimes hundreds of miles to be distributed to our homes, schools and offices.

Parts of this network are more than a century old -- 70 percent of the grid's transmission lines and power transformers are over 25 years old, and the average age of power plants is over 30 years old. Today, our electricity needs are more sophisticated and the strain on the grid is higher than ever.

That's why our experts are working to strengthen and update the grid with new technologies that help prevent outages, provide for cybersecurity and enable real-time data sharing, among other innovations.

Our electrical grid has served us well for more than 100 years, and we are working to ensure it continues for many years to come.

UNDERSTANDING THE GRID

How does electricity get from a power plant to your home? The basic functions of your home or business are powered by energy sources that may be hundreds of miles away. Here's how that energy gets from the source to the electrical outlets in your home or office.

GENERATION
Electricity starts at a generator, which can be powered by burning fossil fuels, collecting wind, solar or water energy, or from nuclear reactions.

TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION
After it's generated, the power needs to travel from the power plant to homes, businesses and other facilities. This process is called transmission.

INTERCONNECTIONS
North America is comprised of two major and three minor alternating current (AC) power grids or "interconnections."

END USE
Once distributed, electricity is used to keep food cold, rooms lit and computers charged.

GRID INNOVATIONS
The grid is currently undergoing a major evolution with new technologies enabling shorter power outages, clean energy and energy efficiency options and providing a platform for innovative consumer services and products.

COMMON POWER GRID JOBS:

- Lineworker:** Lineworkers build, repair and maintain the grid.
- Electrical technician:** Technicians ensure that power is flowing correctly between the power plant and our cities and towns.
- Plant & field operator:** Operators monitor, repair and protect the machines and systems that generate electricity.
- Engineer:** Engineers interpret data into models and designs of the power grid infrastructure.

