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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

**Happy 2017!!** My theme for this year is ***"Re-igniting the flame of Desk & Derrick"***. It is time for us to start re-lighting our Desk and Derrick duties, responsibilities, and participation. Just like an eternal flame we don't want it to be extinguished. We need to keep the Desk and Derrick flame thriving in the years to come.

**Congratulations to the 2017 Board and I am looking forward to working with each one of you.**

**Vice-President - Angie Duplessis    Director - Theresa Adams**  
**Secretary - Gabriella Hunter        Director - Bonnie Wall**  
**Treasurer - Jo Ann Brown            Parliamentarian - Alice Gros**  
**Cora Bergeron will be assisting by handling Correspondence duties.**

**Thanks for the following members for chairing Committees in 2017:**

**Aimee - Dottie Ancona                IAN - Theresa Adams**  
**Bulletin - Judi Adams                Social - Alice Gros**  
**Bylaws - Gabriella Hunter          Membership/Orientation - Jo Ann**  
**Brown**  
**Election - TBA                            Nominating - TBA**  
**Field Trip - Gabriella Hunter        Program - Angie Duplessis**  
**Finance - Dottie Ancona              Scholarship - Gaylen Guillory**

**On the Association Level, congratulations to the 2017 Board and to our Region III Director Claudia Prather of the El Dorado, Arkansas Club.**

**Just a reminder to get your dues in for 2017 so you can take advantage of all that Desk and Derrick has to offer.**

**The first Board Meeting will be Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at Bonnie Wall's house; all members are invited to the Board Meeting. The General Membership Meeting will be Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at Boomtown Casino. Hope to see everyone there.**

***"What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year". - Vern McLellan***

**SUSAN**



## 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**President—Susan Miller**

**Vice President –Angie Duplessis**

**Secretary—Gabriella Hunter**

**Treasurer—Jo Ann Brown**

**Immediate Past President—Gaylen Guillory**

**Director—Theresa Adams**

**Director—Bonnie Wall**

**Parliamentarian—Alice Gros**

## 2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**Aimee: Dottie Ancona**

**Bulletin: Judi Adams**

**Bylaws: Gabriella Hunter**

**Election: TBA**

**Field Trip: Gabriella Hunter**

**Finance: Dottie Ancona**

**General Arrangements: Elaine Lesnak**

**IAN: Theresa Adams**

**Membership/Orientation: Jo Ann Brown**

**Nominating: TBA**

**Program/Monthly Decorating: Angie Duplessis**

**Scholarship: Gaylen Guillory**

**Community Relations: Angie Duplessis**

***Send \$60  
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dues to  
Westbank  
D&D Club PO  
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## INSTALLATION OF 2017 OFFICERS

2017 Region III Director and El Dorado Club member Claudia Prather conducted the Installation of Officers at the December meeting of the Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank. Claudia’s theme for the installation was open hands—when giving you receive.

Claudia presented Years of Service certificates and pins to Pam Lauckner, 10 years; and Kori Alleman, Judy Guillot, and Sylvia Hohmann, 40 years.

Claudia and membership thanked the 2016 officers for their leadership throughout the year: Gaylen Guillory, President; Susan Miller, Vice President; Angie Duplessis, Treasurer; Dawne Goode, Secretary; Gabriella Hunter, Director; Bonnie Wall, Immediate Past President.

2017 Officers Susan Miller, President; Angie Duplessis, Vice President; Gabriella Hunter, Secretary; Jo Ann Brown, Treasurer; Theresa Adams, Director; Bonnie Wall, Director; and Gaylen Guillory, Immediate Past President were installed. (See photos on Page 8.)

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year	2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany	7
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15	16 MLK Day	17	18 Board Mtg	19	20 Inauguration	21
22	23	24	25 Member Mtg	26	27 D Brazeal R St. Pierre	28 Chinese New Year
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**ADDC PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER**

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Dear friends and fellow members,

Happy New Year!

I hope the holidays were everything you hoped they would be, and more. I am having a hard time believing that 2017 is already here. My last few years on the board have just flown by, and somehow it is now my turn to lead our Association. All I can say is, "WOW," thank you again for placing your trust and faith in me. I am truly humbled.

As we move into 2017, most start the year with a resolution; be it get physically fit, save more money, or even to learn to play the harp. We try to better ourselves by making a plan for the New Year. More often than not, after a month or so these ambitions fall by the wayside. I have been guilty of that over and over again, but that's because I often set lofty goals for myself. While there is nothing wrong with pushing myself to be better, I have to be realistic, and realize that I will not be an astronaut by the end of the year.

This is what we do at Budget and Planning every year. We start with a resolution or a plan for the year. We begin with some lofty goals, saying, for example, that we want to have 3000 members by the end of 2017. We then review that goal, and discuss ways of making it happen. Once we realize that a goal may not be realistically obtainable, we revise it, perhaps (in our example) to recruit 2500 members. Each goal is scrutinized and revisited until we have reached a practical goal that still pushes us to do better, but can still be achieved. I don't believe we can start by shooting for the stars, but we can sure try to visit the moon.

I mentioned some of my personal goals for the Association at the 2016 Convention. Those will all be reviewed and discussed at B&P, as will any goals the other board members have for ADDC. These are the goals of only 15 people. We have over 1800 members right now. What are your goals for the Association? I urge each and every one of you to give your suggestions to your chapter president, your Regional Director, or any member of the Board. Believe it or not, no idea is "too far out." Who would have thought that we would have chapters conducting meetings over the internet? It is happening now

I am looking forward to all of your ideas, and working with everyone to make 2017 an ambitious, productive, and educational year for our Association.

*Maggi Franks*

P.S. Be sure to look for my blog and welcome under the new Video Section on the ADDC website.

## REGION III DIRECTOR'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Region III Members:

Happy, Happy, Happy New Year!

I am so excited to begin 2017 as your Region Director. The year is going to bring everyone in our Region so many exciting, educational opportunities with all of the field trips, seminars, and speakers. Our goals this year are to gain and retain members, as well as, motivate all members to give of their time and talents. I want to encourage all of our Club Presidents to share their ideas, meetings, and field trips with the other seven Club Presidents. By sharing information, everyone who might be able to participate in an additional educational opportunity will be able to receive that benefit.

Congratulations are in order to: Baton Rouge Club, Lois Folse; El Dorado Club, Rebecca Rainwater; Lafayette Club, Sarah Hulin; Laurel Club, Rhonda Reynolds; Morgan City Club, Margaret Kreider; New Orleans Club, Carol Schiavone; Red River Club, Sheryl Cole; and the Westbank Club, Susan Miller. It is going to be a fantastic year working with each of these 2017 Club Presidents, as well as, you the members.

To each of these Presidents I want to ask them to encourage each of their members to sign up for one of the ADDC committee positions that are still left to fill. Those committees are: Certification, Insight, Nominating, and Publications. Also, the deadline to turn in club membership applications and dues is February 1st. It is a must to send these in to the ADO by the deadline.

With my sincerest appreciation, I want to say Thank you to Theresa Adams for serving again as our Regional Director. You represented our Region in 2016 with outstanding service, poise, and grace. Thank you for being my mentor and the role model you are to so many members within Region III, as well as, the Association.

If you have any concerns or issues you would like for me to bring before the ADDC board, please let me know. You can reach me by phone, text, email, or fax. Always remember, I am Your voice and I represent you, the members of Region III, to the ADDC board.

***Claudia K. Prather***

Region III Motto:

Open Hands: Receive by Giving

## ADO MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!!!

To all ADDC members; Wow!! Here we are at the beginning of 2017, where did 2016 go, it seems as though the years go by faster and faster. I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and that you were able to spend time with family and friends celebrating the true reason for the season. Now that all the revelry is past it is time to get started on a wonderful 2017.

ADO is in the process of updating all forms on the ADDC website with the correct office address etc. so that there will not be any confusion as to where to send information. I do ask that you gather your 2017 membership renewals for your members as soon as possible, following the instructions that were included in the Email containing your respective chapter 2017 membership renewal forms. If you have any questions please contact ADO and I will be happy to assist.

For any chapters that have not yet done so, please submit your form ADO-31, 2017 Officers form to ADO as soon as possible as well as your 2017 Chapter meeting schedules. Once again if you have any questions please contact me and I will be happy to assist in any way I can.

Now that we have the housekeeping issues out of the way I want to encourage each of you to make plans to attend your region meeting as well as the 2017 ADDC International convention being held in San Antonio Texas, September 2017. Be on the lookout for plenty of information from ADO as well as information on the ADDC website regarding the 2017 convention.

For those of you who have volunteered for a committee or are considering doing so, either at the chapter level or national level I want to tell you it will be a great experience, you will earn valuable information that will help you in your personal development as well as your career development and it will move our organization forward in a positive way.

The 2017 ADDC Board of Directors will be meeting in January 2017 for our annual Budget and planning meeting in which we will discuss strategies and set a budget for the upcoming year for the ADDC. Be on the lookout for updates on what decisions are made and what to expect for 2017 from the ADDC Board of Directors.

I am looking forward to serving you as ADO Manager for many years to come and I look forward to a great 2017 with each and every one of you. If there is anything ADO can do to assist you or your respective ADDC Chapter in gaining new members, planning or anything related to ADDC please do not hesitate to contact ADO. I am here to serve and help you.

ADDc members are members of the best education rich and network savvy organization within the energy industry. Congratulations on being an ADDC member and let's have a fantastic 2017!!!! Happy New Year

Sincerely;  
Mark Loch  
ADO Manager  
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**JOULES OF WISDOM (SOURCE: ENERGY.GOV)**

**The solar industry is changing rapidly as it experiences unprecedented growth. Here are 6 facts that may surprise you about this increasingly popular source of power.**

1. California's Mojave Desert is home to Ivanpah Solar Power Facility, the world's largest operating solar thermal energy plant. It uses concentrating solar power (CSP) technology to focus 173,500 heliostats, each containing two mirrors, onto boilers located in three power towers. The plant, which came online in 2014, has a gross capacity of 392 megawatts (MW). CSP technology is unique in that it allows for solar energy to be stored for use after the sun sets -- a key focus for our recent **research and development efforts** -- which addresses some of the concerns over delivering solar power when and where it is needed most.
2. As prices continue to fall, solar energy is increasingly becoming an economical energy choice for American homeowners and businesses. Still, the biggest hurdle to affordable solar energy remains the soft costs -- like permitting, zoning and hooking a solar system up to the power grid. On average, local permitting and inspection processes add more than \$2,500 to the total cost of a solar energy system and can take up to six months to complete. The SunShot Initiative's **soft costs program** works to make it faster and cheaper for families and businesses to go solar.
3. Today, demand for solar in the United States is at an all-time high. The amount of solar power installed in the U.S. has increased more than 23 times over the past eight years -- from 1.2 gigawatts (GW) in 2008 to an **estimated 27.4 GW at the end of 2015**. That's enough energy to power the equivalent of 5.4 million average American homes, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association. The U.S. is currently the third-largest solar market in the world and is positioned to become the second.
4. The space industry was an early adopter of solar technology. In the 1950s, the space industry began to use solar technology to provide power aboard spacecraft. The **Vanguard 1** - the first artificial earth satellite powered by solar cells -- remains the oldest manmade satellite in orbit -- logging more than 6 billion miles.
5. The first silicon solar cell, the precursor of all solar-powered devices, was built by Bell Laboratories in 1954. On the first page of its **April 26, 1954 issue**, *The New York Times* proclaimed the milestone, "the beginning of a new era, leading eventually to the realization of one of mankind's most cherished dreams -- the harnessing of the almost limitless energy of the sun for the uses of civilization."
6. Solar energy is the most abundant energy resource on earth -- **173,000 terawatts of solar energy** strikes the Earth continuously. That's more than 10,000 times the world's total energy use.



2017 RD Claudia Prather and 2016 WB President Gaylen Guillory



2017 RD Claudia Prather and 2017 WB President Susan Miller



2016 WB President Gaylen Guillory



WB Officers present Toys for Tots donations



Years of Service Awards



2017 Officers

