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## Club President's Newsletter

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Dear Westbank Members,

I want to thank James Marine for the fantastic field trip. Twelve members and guest attended. It was a beautiful day to be walking through the shipyard learning all about the barge repair business. Thank you, Bonnie Wall, for arranging this educational event.

2019 ADDC President, Terry Ligon, needs chairmen for the following committees: Education, Membership, and Leadership Resources. If you are interested, please contact Terry.

Our own 2019 Southeast Region Director, Evelyn McCurley-Ingram also has openings for Region Reps for the Education, ADDC Manuals Review, Certification, Contest, Leadership Resources, and Long-Range Planning committees. Contact Evelyn if you would like to volunteer.

Reminder – due to the Thanksgiving Holidays, the November General Membership Meeting will be held two weeks earlier on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Also, the December General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

I wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Remember.....*We Can Do It!*

Angie Duplessis



**2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**President: Angie Duplessis**

**Vice President: Judi Adams**

**Secretary: Theresa Adams**

**Treasurer: Jo Ann Brown**

**Immediate Past President: Susan Miller**

**Director: Vera Ledet**

**Director: Bonnie Wall**

**2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

- Aimee: Bonnie Wall
- Bulletin: Judi Adams
- Bylaws: Judi Adams
- Field Trip: TBA
- Finance: Dottie Ancona
- General Arrangements: Elaine Lesnak and Zelda Gillan
- Membership/Orientation: Jo Ann Brown
- Nominating/Election: Judy Guillot/Pam Lauckner
- Program/IAN: Judi Adams/Theresa Adams
- Scholarship: Susan Miller
- Social: Vera Ledet
- Community Relations: Judi Adams

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**Board Meetings**

**November 7**

December 5

**Membership Meetings**

**November 14**

December 11

Month	Nov	Dec
Date	14th	11th
Speaker	Mark Ehrhardt	Evelyn McCurley-Ingram
Company	Grow LA Coalition	2019 SE Region Director Elect
Topic	Updates	Officer Installation
Invocation	Judi	Alice Gros
Introduction	Zelda	Theresa
Theme	Thanksgiving	Installation
Decorations	Sylvia/Judy G	Alice/JoAnn

JMI Shipyard Field Trip—October 20, 2018







2018 Costume Contest—Dottie, Angie, Theresa, Bonnie, and Susan



50:50 Winner  
Sigrid Vedros

Debbie Brazeal and Linda Belsome deliver >\$200 of grocery items to the Gretna Food Bank on October 30. Thanks to all who contributed this year. You made a difference.



## **TOYS FOR TOTS**

Collecting NEW, Un-wrapped toys

For ages up to 12 years old

At the December Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2018





### Coupons for Troops

When something's expired you have to get rid of it, right? Not when it comes to coupons. Did you know?

- **Expired coupons work.**  
Save them whether they're active or expired (Not expired more than 3 months). Coupons can be used on overseas military bases for up to six months past their expiration date.
- **Military families benefit.**  
Many military families rely on donated coupons to help offset the expense of living overseas.

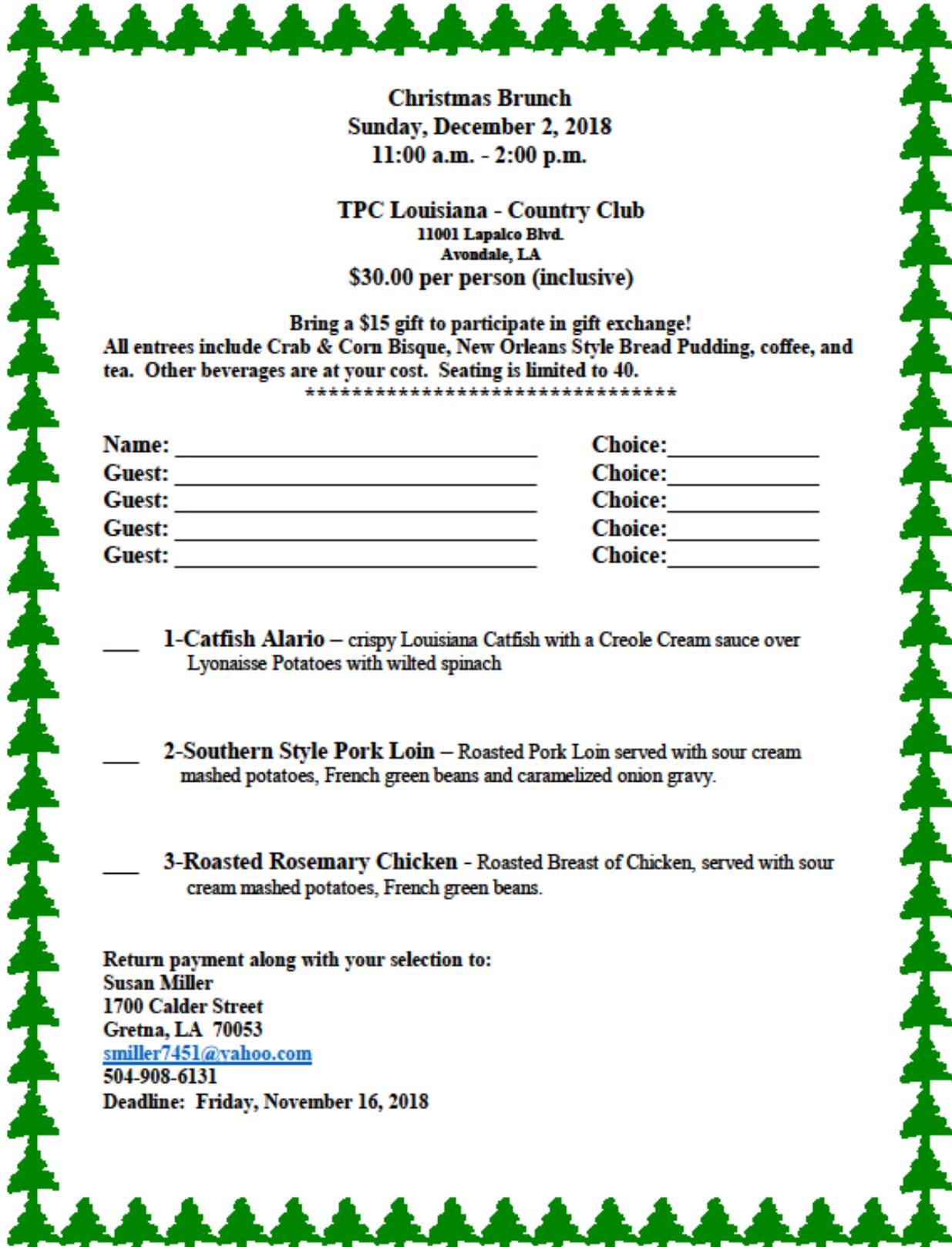
#### -- Bagging Instructions --

1. Cut out the coupons.
2. Sort coupons into two piles by status:
  - a. Expired. Not expired more than 2 months. (e.g. if today's date is 3/1/2018, you would cut out coupons with an expiration date that is not older than 1/1/2018).
  - b. Unexpired. At least two months of life left.
3. Sort each of those two piles into four piles by type:
  - a. Food items
  - b. Non-food items
  - c. Baby food/items
  - d. Pet items (like dog food)
4. Stuff them into plastic baggies.
5. Write the status (Expired or Unexpired) and the type (food, non-food, baby, or pet) on them.
6. Total the retail savings of the baggies and write it on them. This helps us track the value of the overall program.

Only "Manufacturer's Coupons" can be used. They can be from the newspaper, dispensers in grocery stores, tear-pads, and elsewhere as long as they state "Manufacturer's Coupon" on them. No assistance vouchers. No food stamps. No store coupons. No restaurant coupons. No Internet coupons.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our military troops and their families!





**Christmas Brunch**  
**Sunday, December 2, 2018**  
**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**TPC Louisiana - Country Club**  
11001 Lapalco Blvd.  
Avondale, LA  
**\$30.00 per person (inclusive)**

**Bring a \$15 gift to participate in gift exchange!**  
All entrees include Crab & Corn Bisque, New Orleans Style Bread Pudding, coffee, and tea. Other beverages are at your cost. Seating is limited to 40.

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<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Choice:</b> _____
<b>Guest:</b> _____	<b>Choice:</b> _____
<b>Guest:</b> _____	<b>Choice:</b> _____
<b>Guest:</b> _____	<b>Choice:</b> _____
<b>Guest:</b> _____	<b>Choice:</b> _____

\_\_\_ **1-Catfish Alario** – crispy Louisiana Catfish with a Creole Cream sauce over Lyonnaise Potatoes with wilted spinach

\_\_\_ **2-Southern Style Pork Loin** – Roasted Pork Loin served with sour cream mashed potatoes, French green beans and caramelized onion gravy.

\_\_\_ **3-Roasted Rosemary Chicken** - Roasted Breast of Chicken, served with sour cream mashed potatoes, French green beans.

Return payment along with your selection to:  
Susan Miller  
1700 Calder Street  
Gretna, LA 70053  
[smiller7451@yahoo.com](mailto:smiller7451@yahoo.com)  
504-908-6131  
Deadline: Friday, November 16, 2018

***Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank***

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – 2019**

Please complete the form with information on community service opportunities for the coming year.

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scope of Project:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Time Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Benefit to Community:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

All projects will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Return form to:

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Region III Director's Newsletter



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Westbank

November, 2018

I hope you had a very spooktacular Halloween and received more treats than tricks. For me, it's always a treat to be involved and active in such a dynamic organization, sharing the values of the energy industry with others, especially our youth, by way of the Energy Activity Books.

Hopefully November will bring some much needed cooler weather. I know for most clubs November will bring the promise of new board members. By now election of 2019 officers should be finished, or at least underway. For those who have served this year as officers on the local, regional and ADDC levels, thank you for stepping up and being a leader.

Many of the newly elected officers are not new to this endeavor – many are affectionately known as “RECYCLED” or “SEASONED” members. Your leadership may influence a newer member (or SEASONED member) to consider running for an office in the not too distant future. Presidents, please remember to send names of 2019 officers-elect to ADO and to Southeast Region Director-Elect, Evelyn Ingram.

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, let us be aware of the many blessings we have to be thankful for: our health, jobs, family and friends. Let us be mindful of those less fortunate. Your local foodbank, charities and other organizations depend on us to donate non-perishable items and monetary gifts to help those in need. Consider donating to any of the many worthwhile organizations – you'll feel good that you were able to contribute and make a difference. By all means, please keep the folks affected by Hurricane Michael in our thoughts and prayers.

Remember the deadline for AIMEE entries is December 15th, which is fast approaching. It's not too late to write an article or take advantage of a photo-op entry. If not this year, please plan on participating next year. Maybe you could make that your New Year's Resolution.

**DESK AND DERRICK - ITS PAST, PRESENT, AND ESPECIALLY ITS FUTURE, IS IN OUR HANDS.**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**

Carol Schiavone  
Region III Director





### Board of Directors

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FFAF Cargo

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L Chem Tech Company Inc

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K & E Computer Services

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Canadian Natural Resources Limited

## November 2018

### Happy Halloween!

A special Ad Hoc committee and the 2018 board has taken steps for 2019, with the following changes to committees. Special committees will be ADDC Manual Review, Contest, Strategic Planning Committee (Long Range, Leadership, GAME), Nominating and Technology. The proposed changes to the Standing Committees require an amendment to the Association Bylaws. Therefore, the 2018 Board will propose to add amendments for the 2019 B&P Meeting for the following Standing Committees: Club Bylaws Review, Membership, Program, Finance Review Committee, with the new changes consisting of Education/Certification, Marketing Committee (Publications, Insight, Social Media, Public Relations/Trade Shows).

Research has begun on the outsourcing of the ADO duties, we have submitted RFQs and are waiting to hear back from these companies. Right now, we have heard from 1 company. We will keep you updated as information becomes available to us.

Thank you all, who took the time to reply back to us on the survey. 414 members responded, a quarter of our membership. There were some key questions, that will help drive the board forward by your responses.

A special Ad Hoc committee was created to review the outline of conventions. Convention 2021 will be the new first alignment convention, therefore we are looking at the structure, time, and money of these conventions. With your responses of the survey, we will go forward with the option of reducing days of the convention.

The Financial committee has begun work as well of the 2018 books. Sam Thomas and Brian Carter are working on this project. Thank you both!

The new updated Bylaws for 2019 have been posted on the website. Please ensure you update your ADDC bylaws.

Membership renewals have gone out to all clubs' presidents on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Congratulations to Westbank for being the first to submit their ADO31 form for 2019. Thank you, Angie. Please ensure to update your information, including your correct email address. This is important, as this is what we use to send out surveys. We had 20 percent return of bad email addresses.

The 2018 Convention made a profit this year, the books are now complete. Thank you to Region II for all their hard work and due diligence. Thank you!

Budget and Planning will be January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Please reach out to a Regional Director, Chairmen or Board member for any ideas you may have for 2019. We really do want to hear from membership.

We have started to email out just the letters from Wayne, removing them from the Insight. To keep the Insight looking industry related. More like the DDJ was. Hoping this will attract advertisements as well.

*Christina Forth*



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November 1, 2018

TO: All Club Presidents  
FROM: 2018 Rules Committee  
SUBJECT: Amendments to ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules

### On behalf of the 2018 Rules Committee:

Amendments to the ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules were voted on at the 2018 ADDC Convention. The revised amendments are listed below, as they were approved with any amendments to the proposed amendments. The ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules will be updated and posted in their entirety on the ADDC website in January 2019.

### BYLAWS

#### Article III – Structure Section 2.

(a) The Central Region shall consist of the states of Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and the northeastern portion of the state of Texas bounded on the north by the northerly boundary lines of the counties of Bowie, Clay, Cooke, Fannin, Grayson, Lamar, Montague, Red River, and Wichita; on the east by the easterly boundary lines of the counties of Bowie, Cass, Harrison, Marion, Panola, Sabine, and Shelby; on the south by the southerly boundary lines of the counties of Anderson, Cherokee, Coryell, Freestone, Limestone, McLennan, Nacogdoches, Sabine, and San Augustine, and on the west by the westerly boundary lines of the counties of Archer, Bosque, Coryell, Erath, Palo Pinto, Wichita and Young and the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan in Canada.

(b) The Northeast Region shall consist of the District of Columbia, the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin within the United States and the provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Quebec of Canada.

(c) The Southeast Region shall consist of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the southeast portion of the state of Texas bounded on the north by the northerly boundary lines of the counties of Angelina, Bell, Bexar, Comal, Falls, Hays, Houston, Jasper, Kinney, Leon, Medina, Newton, Robertson, Travis, Uvalde, Williamson; on the east by the easterly boundary lines of the counties of Newton, Orange, and Jefferson; on the south by the southerly boundary lines of the counties of Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio and Willacy; on the west by the westerly boundary lines of the counties of Cameron, Dimmit, Hidalgo, Kinney, Maverick, Starr, Webb and Zapata.

(d) The West Region shall consist of the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and the western portion of the state of Texas bounded on the east by the westerly boundaries of the counties in the Central Region, and the northerly boundaries in the Southeast Region and the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia in Canada.

**Article III – Structure Section 7.**

The ADDC is not formed for pecuniary gain or profit and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to members or officers thereof, and no part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any member or officer thereof, or to any private individual.

**Article IX - Nominations and Election of Officers Section 1.**

Nominees for any Association office shall be employed in or retired from the petroleum, energy, or allied industries. Nominees for regional director shall have served or be serving as a President of a Desk and Derrick Club. Nominees for all other offices shall have served or be serving as a regional director. All nominees shall be bondable.

**ARTICLE X - DUTIES OF OFFICERS SECTION 4.**

The Treasurer shall supervise the collection and disbursements of all funds of the Association as directed by the Association Board of Directors; shall furnish the Board of Directors with a quarterly statement of income and expenditures; shall submit the Association books for review by an independent certified public accounting firm and the ADDC Finance Review Committee at the close of each fiscal year or more frequently as directed by the Board of Directors; and shall submit a written quarterly report with highlights (budget to actual variances and significant expenditures) of both ADDC operating funds and ADDC convention funds to the clubs. The Treasurer shall furnish a surety bond in an amount fixed by the Board of Directors, the cost of which shall be borne by the Association. The Treasurer shall prepare a budget at the beginning of the year to be submitted to the Board of Directors for their consideration and shall perform such other duties as may be required of the office.

**ARTICLE XI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS SECTION 2**

(d) Board members may meet by videoconference or teleconference. This meeting shall be conducted by a technology that allows for simultaneous aural communication among all participating members equivalent to those of a meeting held in one room or area in that all participating members hear each other, as well as see each other (if videoconference), at the same time. Board members who are unable to attend a board meeting due to unavoidable circumstance may join the meeting by teleconference or videoconference.

**ARTICLE XIV – CONVENTIONS SECTION 1**

(e) The Board of Directors shall approve the registration fee, a detailed budget, and authorize convention expenditures.

**STANDING RULES**

11.  
c. Should the balance in the Convention Fund exceed \$20,000, the Association Board may transfer, as the need arises, no more than \$10,000 in any one year to the General Fund. Up to \$5,000 additional funds may be transferred to meet legal obligations. The transfer of funds shall be communicated to clubs within thirty (30) days.



Judi Adams  
2018 Rules Committee Chair

Copy: Christina Forth, 2018 ADDC President  
Terry Ligon, 2018 ADDC President Elect  
ADO Manager

# Report: Excessive civil tort costs taking a toll on Louisiana economy

via Greater Baton Rouge Business Report

Excessive civil court costs in Louisiana are having a direct, negative effect on the state's economy, according to a new report released today by Louisiana Lawsuit Abuse Watch, a grassroots organization that advocates for tort reform.

The *2018 Economic Benefits of Tort Reform* study found that frivolous lawsuits and excessive damage awards are costing the state's economy some \$1.1 billion a year and more than 15,500 jobs. The study asserts that all major industry groups in the state are negatively impacted by the legal climate, with retail trade, business services, health services and other service industries showing a direct loss.

The study also claims that state government loses some \$76.4 million a year in revenues, while local governments lose some \$64.3 million a year as a result of excessive legal costs.

"These findings clearly show that civil justice reform must be a priority in Louisiana," says Lana Venable, executive director of Louisiana Lawsuit Abuse Watch. "Frivolous lawsuits and exorbitant plaintiff awards impact all sectors of our economy and hurt Louisiana families, as costs are ultimately passed down to them in the form of higher prices for goods and services."

The study was conducted by The Perryman Group for Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, a national organization with which Louisiana Lawsuit Abuse Watch is affiliated. The study compared Louisiana's civil court systems and related costs with those of Ohio, which has enacted significant tort reform measures in recent years.

Tort reform measures invariably top the legislative agenda for state and local business groups every year in Louisiana, and while some reforms have been enacted in recent years, Louisiana continues to rank poorly when compared to other states.

Louisiana's legal climate was ranked 50th in 2017 by the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform and was among the top 10 states listed as "judicial hellholes" in 2017 by the American Tort Reform Foundation.

"We've had some small improvements," Venable says. "But this underscores that we still have a long way to go."

Source: <https://growlouisianacoalition.com>

## The Tale of Fern Fossil

Once upon a time, a beautiful fern tree grew in a swamp. All day, she soaked up sunlight and stored it in her fronds. The sun's energy helped her grow tall.

The biggest frond was Fern Fossil. Every day she stretched closer to the sun. She was proud to be the tallest frond on the tree. One day, the sky grew dark and a strong wind blew. The other fronds huddled together. They gave each other strength. But Fern was too high. She was all alone. There were no fronds tall enough to help her.

The wind blew harder and Fern's stem snapped. She fell from the tree into the dark water. Fern sank to the bottom of the swamp. She thought her journey was over. Nature had a different plan for Fern. For a long time, she lay in the swamp. More plants fell into the water. They covered Fern like a blanket.

After many years, the water dried up and the swamp turned into land. Dinosaurs roamed over the Earth. Fern lay under the ground, buried deeper and deeper. The weight of the dirt and the heat of the Earth changed Fern. She was no longer green. She lost her leafy shape, but she still had the sun's energy stored in her. Fern Fossil had turned into a shiny black rock full of energy. She was a piece of coal. Fern and many other plants were now a big seam of coal buried under the ground.

One day, a big machine dug into the Earth. It took away the dirt on top of the coal. It lifted Fern from the Earth and put her into a huge truck. She was taken to a building where she was washed, then put on a train. The train chugged through the night to a power plant. Fern was burned. Her energy produced a lot of heat. The power plant used Fern's energy to make electricity. It traveled through a power line to a house.

A little boy turned on a light so that he could read. The energy that Fern had gotten from the sun millions and millions of years ago was lighting the night. Fern had traveled a long way.



