

# The Oil Patch

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## The Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank Celebrates 43 Years



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GRETNA, LA

## 2019 Board of Directors

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## Front Cover Photo: Past Presidents

Front Row: Angie Duplessis, Vera Ledet,  
JoAnn Brown, Alice Gros

Back Row: Judi Adams, Susan Miller,  
Theresa Adams, Zelda Gillan, Gaylen  
Guillory, Cheryl LeBoeuf, Elaine Lesnak

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**Kathy Denley** 5/29  
**Pam Lauckner** 5/5

<b>BOARD MEETINGS</b>	<b>GENERAL MEETINGS</b>
<b>MAY 15, 2019</b>	<b>MAY 22, 2019</b>
June 19, 2019	June 26, 2019
<b>July - NO MEETING</b>	
<b>AUGUST 21, 2019</b>	<b>AUGUST 28, 2019</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**</b>
<b>OCTOBER 16, 2019</b>	<b>OCTOBER 23, 2019</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 13, 2019***</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 20, 2019***</b>
<b>DECEMBER 4, 2019***</b>	<b>DECEMBER 10, 2019***</b>
<b>**Move up due to Convention September 18-23</b>	
<b>***Move up due to Thanksgiving/Christmas</b>	

<b>Monthly Programs and Volunteers</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Education</b>	
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Judi Adams</b>	<b>Nina Cleveland &amp; Michael Wallace</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Oil 101 Downstream</b>	<b>IAN/Scholarship</b>	
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Susan Miller</b>	<b>Zelda Gillan</b>	
<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Susan Miller</b>	<b>Theresa Adams</b>	
<b>Decorations</b>	<b>Susan Miller</b>	<b>Cheryl/Cora</b>	

Contact 2019 VP Zelda Gillan to sign up for volunteer opportunities or with speaker suggestions for monthly meetings.

# Club President's Newsletter

**Angie Duplessis**  
President

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May 2019

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Dear Westbank Members,

The excitement of the 1<sup>st</sup> Southeast Region Meeting is now behind us as we continue ***Leaping to High Levels of Education, Professionalism and Achievement***. I commend the Victoria Club, GAC-Cindi Miller and Director Evelyn McCurley-Ingram for a great Region Meeting.

I am please to report that our own **Susan Miller** will be the 2020 Southeast Region Director as we embark on the Carnival Valor for the 1<sup>st</sup> Region Meeting on the high seas!

Congratulations to Westbank's AIMEE winners:

**Judi Adams** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place Best Large Bulletin & 1<sup>st</sup> Place Best D&D Program-Family Feud, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Best industry Photo-Not My Daddy's Wrenches

**Angie Duplessis** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Best President's Letter & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Best D&D Article-Oil Field Trivia

**Charles Miller, Bonnie Wall, & Angie Duplessis** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Best Industry Program-OCS/Offshore Financials

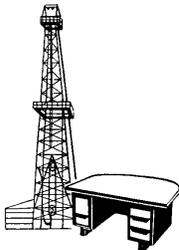
Special Recognitions go to:

**Cheryl LeBoeuf and Cora Bergeron** for 20 years of service and **Sigrid Vedros** for 10 years of service

Please join us for a fun filled celebration at the White Elephant Brunch Social to be held on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at Augie's Restaurant in Metairie. Mark your calendars, tickets are available for the Annual Bunco to be held Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> benefiting the Westbank Scholarship fund.

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

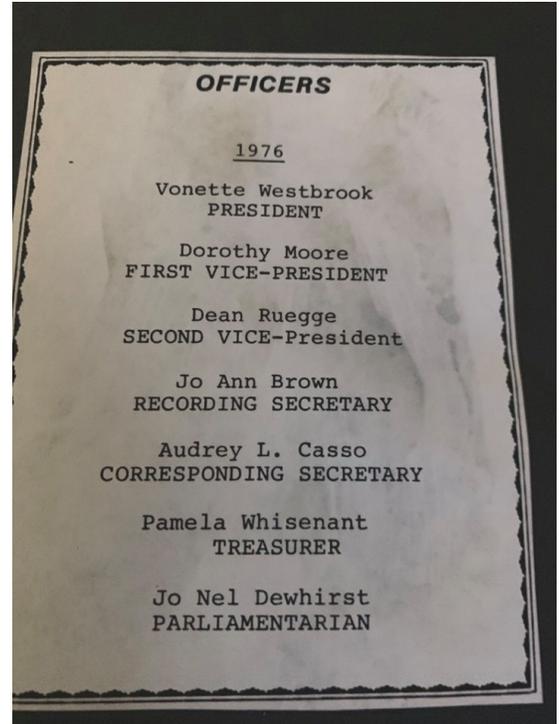
Angie Duplessis



# Westbank Celebrates 43rd Anniversary



**Charter Members: JoAnn Brown,  
Sylvia Hohmann, and Judy Guillot**



**Founding Members 1976**



**Founding Member JoAnn Brown**

## What Color is Your Jelly Bean?

At our April Birthday meeting, Angie Duplessis and Judi Adams presented a team-building and self-development program entitled, “What Color is Your Jelly Bean?” Each member at the meeting was given a box of mini jelly beans and was asked to select their favorite color, based on either color or flavor.

Then, Angie presented some of the general personality traits that may fit based on the color chosen. So, what color do you think fits YOUR personality closest?

### White or Black

- This individual is highly structured and organized; Surroundings are neat; If given an assignment wants to know how many pages, exact requirements; Always wants to know the rules; Memorizes things well; Can't stand sloppy, unorganized people; Deliberates before making decisions
- The white jelly bean person likes to be in control and likes a lot of praise. She tries to get her reports in weeks before the deadline.
- The black jelly bean person smiles a lot, is enthusiastic and always playful. In fact, she usually plays around at workshops, meetings, and conferences

### Yellow

- Not usually outspoken; Always in a state of transition, whether they are 8 or 80; Usually smart and innovative, often artistic; Sometimes confused in making decisions, unsure where they're supposed to be; Hard workers; Exciting to be with – will try anything as long as it's safe; Spiritual aspects usually important to them; They look at things with perspective and respect others' opinions.
- They are often not interested in following the rules, policies, and procedures.

### ORANGE

- Cheerful and good-natured; Have the ability to get along well with almost anyone; They are friendly and have a ready smile; Usually have a quick wit; Fluent, often eloquent and profound in speech; Do not like to be left alone; Enjoy life and inspire others to reach their highest potential;
- They dress well and love luxury, such as gold jewelry.

### RED AND PINK

- Are courageous and their energy seems boundless; Smile much of the time; If they see someone not smiling, will ask what the problem is; Genuinely care about people and become involved in others' problems; Highly influenced by others, share their sadness or grief; Make their decisions with feelings, act on impulses of the heart; Spend a great deal of time on the phone, usually listening to others; Sensitive, enthusiastic friends and lovers.
- Pink: often volunteer to do more, especially when an authority figure asks.
- Red Jelly Bean people are frequently frustrated.

## VIOLET

- Flirty and passionate; Highly creative and highly excitable; Have new ideas and are visionaries; Short attention spans – can't stay put for long at a time; Disorganized, often choosing to close doors rather than deal with the organization; Procrastinators who thrive on chaos, enjoy the challenges of different problems; Have a problem dealing with highly structured time; Questioning – when given an assignment, asks why it must be done a certain way, want to do it differently
- Set high standards for themselves and those who work for them

## GREEN:

- We always ask green to stand because they love recognition; These people are seen as leaders, usually in highly visible positions; They are respecters of authority and tradition; They are decisive, directed, and focused; They are peacemakers, who don't like conflict.
- They love black and white jelly bean people to organize their projects for them.

None of us is just “one color”, but one color is usually dominant. All of us have some of the various traits associated with other colors. This is important to realize when dealing with others. We should be able to empathize with those who see things differently and deal with problems differently than we do.



**March 50/50 winner  
Judi Adams...FINALLY!**

### **Downstream Fundamentals**

May meeting speaker will be Judi Adams, presenting Oil 101-Downstream Fundamentals.

In this overview of the Downstream segment of the oil and gas industry, we will learn about:

- Downstream Business Characteristics
- Overview of Refining
- Products and Participants
- End-User Consumption
- Wholesale and Retail Marketing

**Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank**

**Industry Appreciation Night and  
Scholarship Awards**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

**\$25.00 per person**

**Boomtown Casino  
4132 Peters Road  
Harvey, Louisiana**

**SPEAKERS: Nina Cleveland and  
Michael Wallace**

**Tulane School of Professional Advancement**

**TOPIC: Emergency Management and Security**

**RSVP by June 15, 2019 to Theresa Adams**

**504-400-3221**

**or email: [theresabadams@bellsouth.net](mailto:theresabadams@bellsouth.net)**

## Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank

### White Elephant Brunch

Cost - \$25

Saturday July 13, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Augie's Restaurant**

6005 Jefferson Highway, Harahan, LA

**Deadline June 26th**

RSVP to Angie Duplessis

aduples1@p66.com or 504-656-3221

Bring a re-gifted item valued at \$15-\$20 for a gift exchange/steal. Nothing broken or unusable... it should be something people would actually want. You might even leave with something you need or like! Guests – family & friends - are welcome!

All entrees come with salad, dessert, and ice tea.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Choose One:

\_\_\_ Catfish Pecan – filet of catfish, fried crispy golden brown, topped with a white wine butter pecan sauce, served with potatoes & vegetable medley

\_\_\_ Veal Parmesan – panned baby veal, topped with melted mozzarella cheese, served with angel hair pasta & marinara sauce

\_\_\_ Chicken St. John – baked boneless breast of chicken, topped with a creamy shrimp sauce, served with potatoes & vegetable medley

\_\_\_ Catfish Lafitte – filet of catfish, fried crispy golden brown, topped with a creamy crawfish sauce, served with potatoes & vegetable medley

(sauces can be placed on the side)

# COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

## DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK

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Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank will be collecting items for the St. Joseph Apartments in Gretna. Members will be bringing items to the residents living in the Apartments. These are all senior citizens and we could make a difference in the lives of these senior citizens with just a little donation.

Items to be collected are the following:

Mens/Ladies socks, books, combs, brushes, shower caps, kleenex, travel soaps, shampoo, conditioners, pens, stationery, games, small food items or any other things that they may need. All will be appreciated by these residents.



**Contact:**  
**Susan Miller**  
**[smiller7451@yahoo.com](mailto:smiller7451@yahoo.com)**  
**504.908.6131**



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# CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR OUR SOLDIERS

*WESTBANK DESK AND DERRICK*

*COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT*

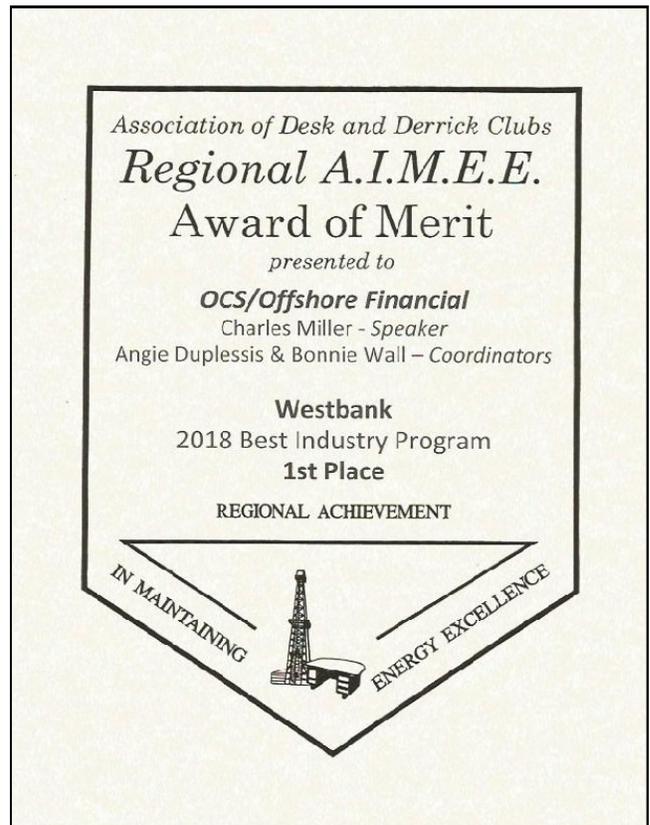
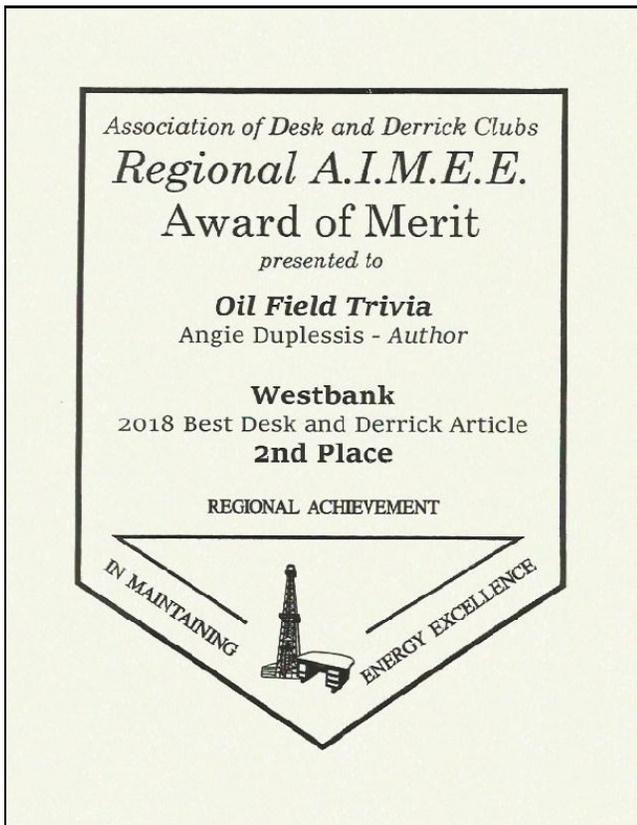
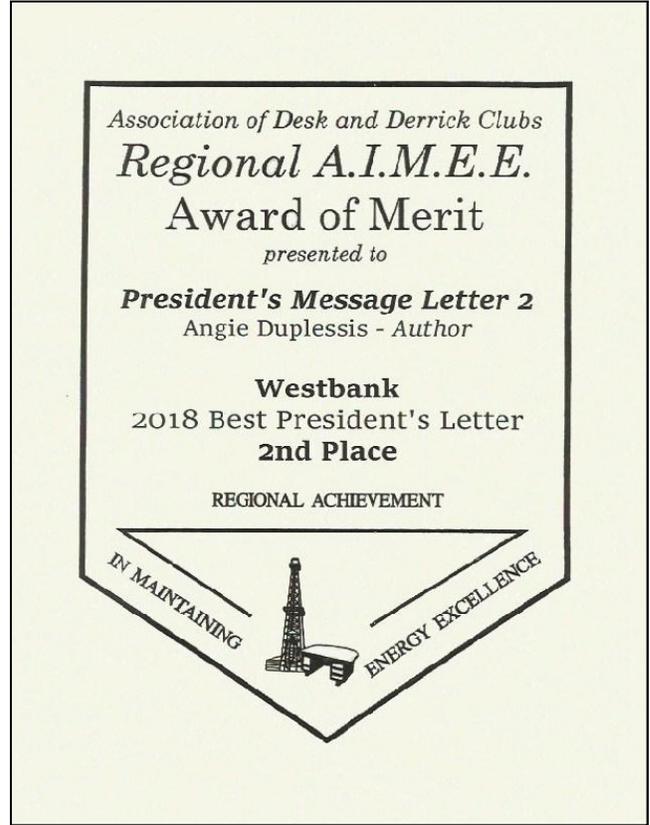
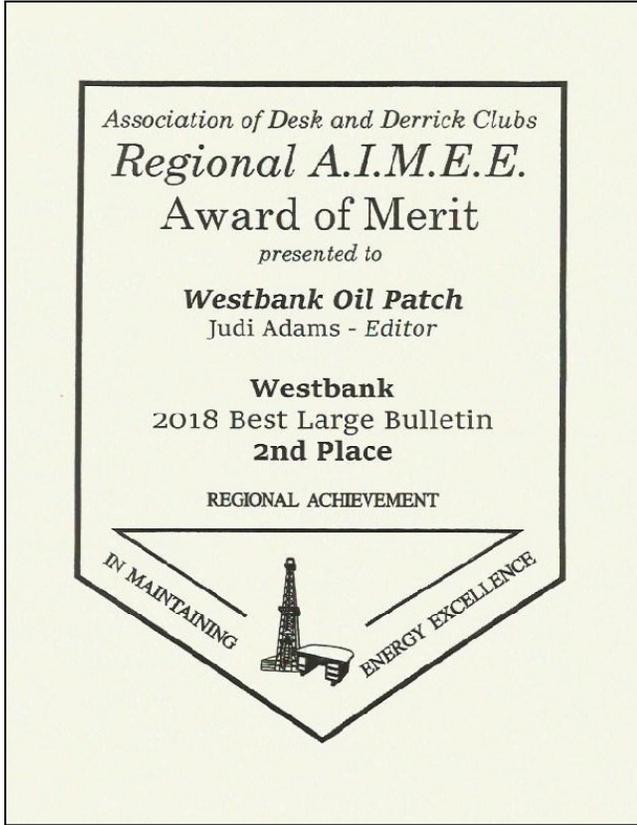
*SENDING THOUGHTS AND WISHES FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS, SAFE AND QUICK  
RETURN HOME, GOD'S BLESSING, THANKS FOR PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS*

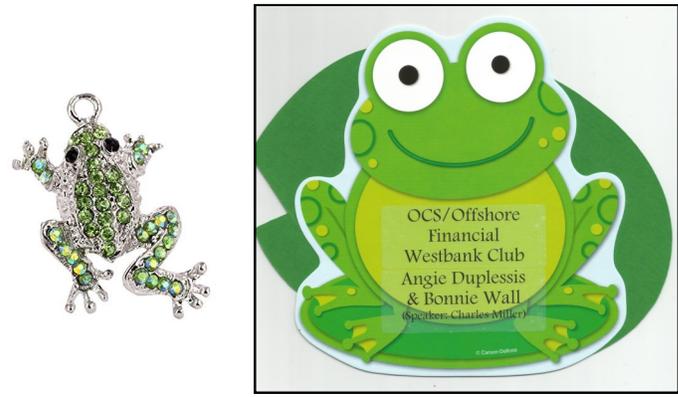
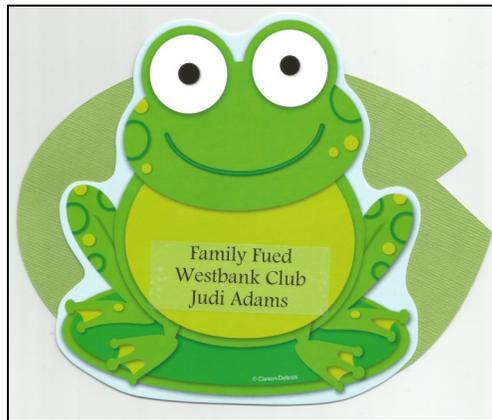
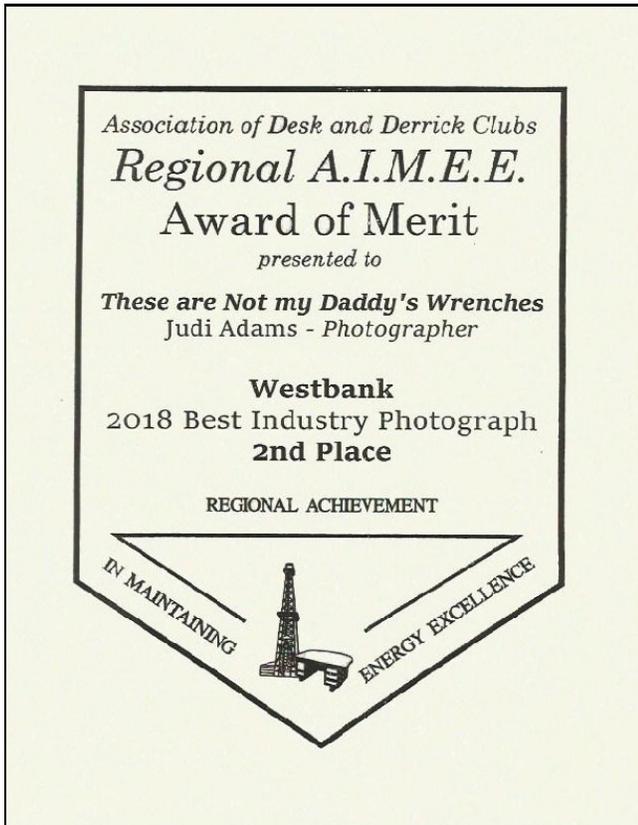
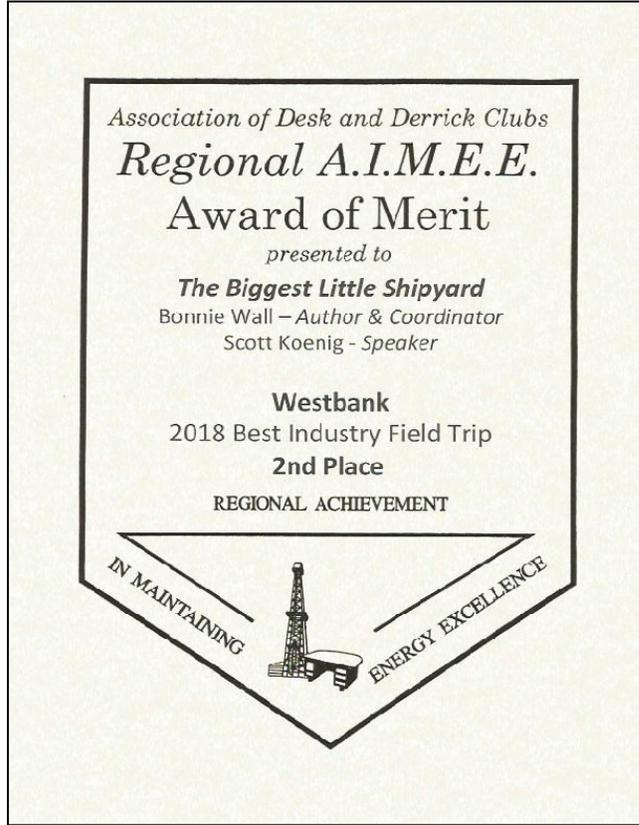
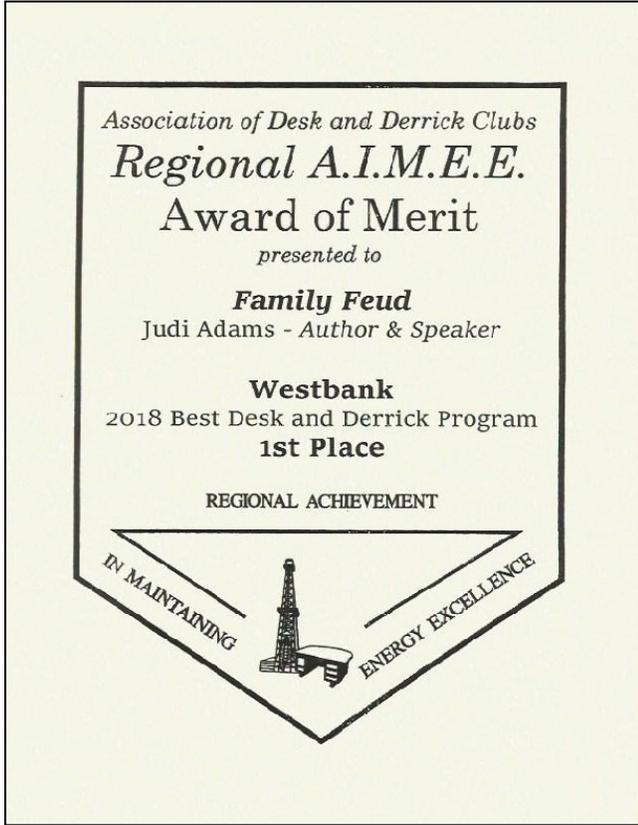
**WE ARE SETTING A GOAL  
OF 2019 CARDS IN 2019!**

You can participate by donating new cards with envelopes and by volunteering to sign as many cards as you can during the year. Project starts in March and will continue through October.

CONTACT BONNIE R. WALL 504-362-3671 (H) 504-439-1650 (C) E MAIL [seawall4@cox.net](mailto:seawall4@cox.net)

Congratulations to our Regional Award of Merit Winners! The first place winners will compete for an AIMEE at Convention in Kansas City, MO in September.





## *Southeast Region Director*

May 2019

*Evelyn McCurley-  
Ingram*  
SE Region Director  
801-335-1820  
feelinfo@j0713@gmail.com

*Dear Southeast Region Members*

*May has arrived and we have completed the 1<sup>st</sup> Southeast Region Meeting in Victoria, Texas. It was a fantastic meeting with wonderful fieldtrips, seminars and many other wonderful things. I got many comments on how well the meeting was and am glad you enjoyed it. Victoria Club did an outstanding job.*

*Our Contest committee chairman gave out the awards and our 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners will compete in the Aimee Awards in September in Kansas City. It's not too late to consider writing an article that can be entered in next year's contest.*

*Presidents, please remind your club Treasurer to file the 990-N form for your club. They are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*If you have any concerns or issues, you can reach me by phone or email. Always remember, I am Your voice and I represent You, the members of the Southeast Region.*

*As members of this GREAT organization, let's always remember to be kind and considerate to all; which will encourage a positive attitude for growth and "Greater Knowledge - Greater Service."*

*Evelyn McCurley-Ingram*



*Leaping to Higher Levels of  
Education, Professionalism and Achievement*

*Addendum: Congratulations to 2020 RD Elect Susan Miller, Westbank Club. Also, the delegates approved the 2020 SE Region Meeting, hosted by the Westbank Club. We'll be going on a cruise, on the Carnival Valor out of New Orleans, April 16-20, 2020.*



**ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS  
SOUTHEAST REGION**

**Proposed Regional Meeting Schedule  
Effective: January 1, 2019**

<u>YEAR OF MEETING</u>	<u>REGION MEETING CLUB HOST</u>
2019	Victoria
2020	Westbank
2021	North Harris/ Montgomery Counties
2022	Lafayette
2023	San Antonio
2024	Baton Rouge
2025	Red River
2026	Morgan City
2027	El Dorado
2028	Corpus Christi
2029	New Orleans
2030	Victoria
2031	Westbank

## REGIONAL SPEECH DESK & DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK

Good morning everyone.

The Westbank Club is 31 members strong. We have 9 members in attendance at this meeting.

We began 2019 with our first program "Who's going to take care of you when you're old?" With half of the club being retired and the remaining not far from it...this speaker provided much needed information to the group. It's never too early to have a plan. In February, we learned about renewable energy – focusing on Biomass energy. March speaker presented the History of the Bonne Carre Spillway.

Last week In April, our club celebrated its 43rd anniversary. It was an open meeting; we invited guests to attend our birthday celebration complete with cake and champagne. The program was a team building-personal development topic. The remainder of the year we will continue our education, learning more about other types of renewable energy. Other programs include representatives from Tulane University (scheduled for our Industry Appreciation and Scholarship Night).

Later in the year, we hope to have a visit from Louisiana's Lt. Governor, Billy Nungesser. October will be our Orientation Program, sharing with everyone the history of our club, the levels of D&D, and answering any questions the audience may have. We will complete the year with our Installation of Officers.

Throughout the year we have many other projects planned such as: participating in the Deepwater Technical Symposium & Exhibition, providing Energy Activity Books to a 3<sup>rd</sup> class, providing school supplies for Kindergarteners, collecting coupons for military families, writing Holiday Greeting cards for soldiers, and participating with Toys for Tots during Christmas time. What better way to let the community know about D&D, than to get out there and let them know what we are about?

Be sure to check out our club's website. Earlier this year, we began utilizing PayPal as an option for members to pay dues, monthly meeting meals, and as a source of revenue – to advertise on our web page and bulletin and for donations.

All our Committee Chairmen are diligently working, planning activities to brighten our horizon of Greater Knowledge-Greater Service. Our Scholarship Committee is busy putting together the final touches on our annual Bunco to be held on Saturday, August 3rd. Other Committees are busy as well... planning field trips, socials--including a crawfish boil, our newest gathering the White Elephant Brunch (where those in attendance bring a recycled gift item (that must be unused to exchange), Industry Appreciation Night and our Christmas Brunch.

It is with great pride that I announce in June the Westbank Scholarship Fund will give out four - \$1,000 scholarships. Since 1998 our club has given over \$135,000 in scholarships to high school & college students. Throughout the year the club makes donations to the scholarship fund in honor of our Program speakers, field trip sponsors, and memorials. Donations from outside entities are an integral part of the scholarship fund's success.

I am privileged to represent the Westbank Club. What makes the Westbank Club unique? I believe it is the willingness of our members to work together. We are proud to belong to the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs and we will continue to share and educate the surrounding area about Desk and Derrick through our monthly programs, seminars, field trips, and community service projects.

Since I have only a short time to boast about my club, please visit our website for further details on Westbank's activities. Remember... **"We Can Do It."**

Westbank members would you please stand and be recognized.  
Angie Duplessis, President Westbank Club



**Desk and Derrick Club of New Orleans  
June Anniversary / Industry Night**

**70th Year**

You are cordially invited to attend **Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**

**Guest Speaker: Kemberlia K. Ducote**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
**& SECRETARY**  
**LLOG Exploration, Co., L.L.C.**



**Copeland Tower Suites & Conference Center, 2601 Severn Avenue  
Metairie, LA 70002**

**Cost: \$26.00**

**Cash Bar**

**MENU**

**Broccoli and Cheese Soup**  
**Bronzed Redfish with Creamy Lemon-Butter Sauce**  
**Roasted Red Potatoes**  
**Chef's Vegetable Medley of Zucchini, Squash,  
Rainbow Carrots, and Cherry Tomato with Lemon Zest**  
**Strawberry Shortcake**  
**Rolls and Butter**  
**Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water**

**Guests are welcome.** Approval must be obtained from Membership Committee Chairman, Debi Baiamonte at 504-453-1009.

The Reservation form **MUST** be completed by all members and guests planning to attend the Anniversary/Industry Night Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

Please mail form and \$26 check made payable to the Desk and Derrick Club of New Orleans to:

**Bev George Cowart, 404 Severn Avenue, Metairie, LA 70001-5145**

For further information call: 504-338-6162

Reservations Only

**RESERVATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019.**

Member Name

Guest Name

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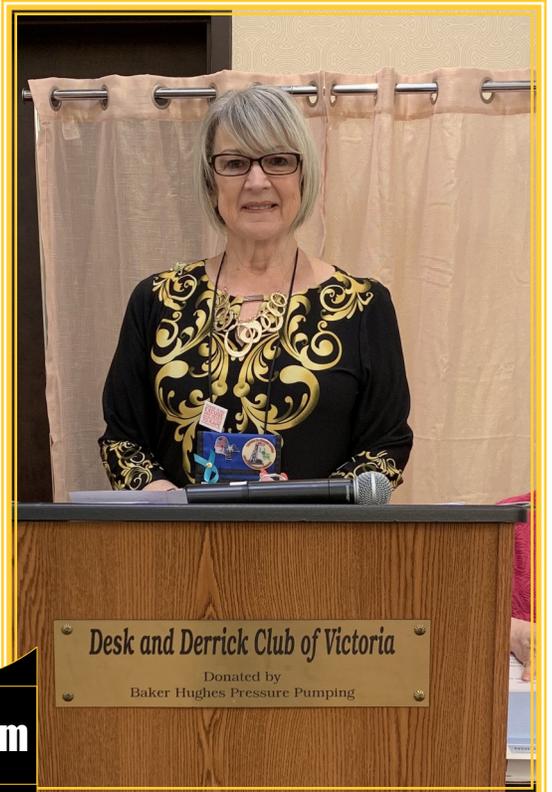
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**1st Annual ADDC  
Southeast Region  
Meeting**



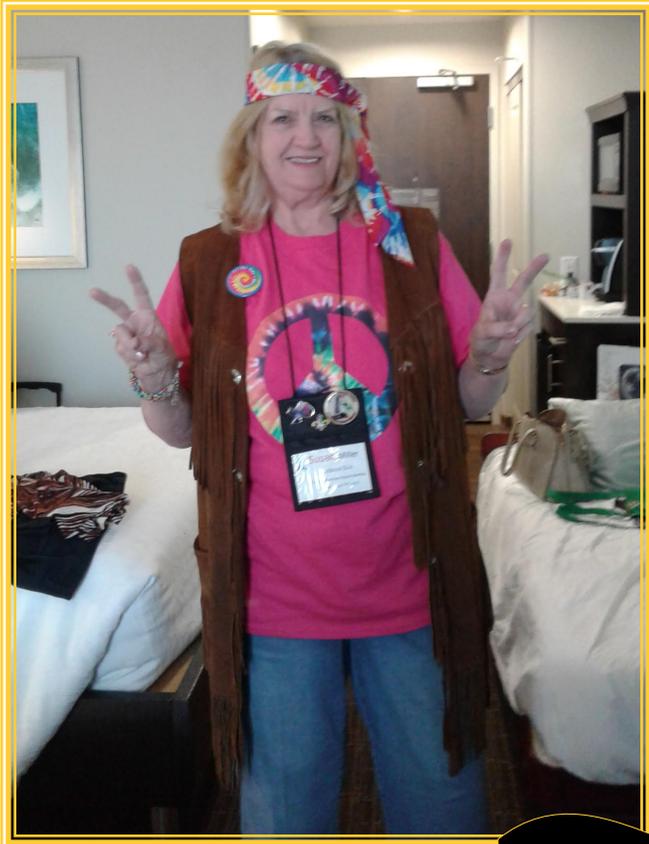
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**Susan Miller**







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May 2019

All four of the region meetings are now over. What a great experience it is to reacquaint with old friends and make new ones. I hope you were able to attend at least one region meeting. Great educational opportunities were offered and I commend the host clubs on all of the hard work that was put into the planning and programs. The members, as well as the GAC's, to be commended for their hard work and dedication in putting these meetings together. Their advice, expertise and extraordinary efforts do not go unnoticed.

After attending a region meeting, I encourage you to take back to your clubs what you learned. Become a mentor for a new member, agree to serve on a committee, share new information with a member who was unable to attend – get involved and enthused! We need new members – they are the building blocks to make our Association stronger!

I would like to personally congratulate the newly elected Region Directors:  
Shelly McCool – Enid Club – Central Region  
Christina Forth – Edmonton Club – West Region  
Shelly Hildebrant – Bay Area Club – Northeast Region  
Susan Miller – Westbank Club – Southeast Region

Please join me in extending well wishes to each of them and offer your support and volunteer.

There are a couple of deadlines coming up. First of all, the deadline for the tax exempt form that each club must send in is May 15<sup>th</sup>. This is an important part of keeping our tax exempt status.

Secondly, the deadline for nominations to the 2020 Board of Directors is approaching. Have you thought about being an officer of the Association? Being an officer or ADDC has been and is one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. You have until June 7, 2019, to decide and submit your application.

Remember – “We are not held back by what we don’t have, but by what we don’t use.” – Anonymous

*Terry Ligon*

## **2019 Convention Report**

**Submitted by: Tammy Watkins and Casi Nichols, Co-GAC**

Kansas City, here we come!!

Your 2019 GAC Committee and the Central Region have been working diligently to plan an unforgettable convention in vibrant Kansas City in 2019!

Our host hotel, the Marriott Kansas City Country Club Plaza, is anxiously awaiting our arrival. The hotel crew's hospitality is off the charts! When you arrive for your fun filled weekend, you will be greeted by the Hotel lab KC and his wiggly tail. The guest rooms are quite cozy and the adjoining guest rooms will make traveling in groups a cinch! We have secured a very reasonable rate of \$169.00 per night for a single, double, triple or quad.

The hotel offers a free shuttle to the Plaza nearby that consists of 18 separate buildings representing 804,000 sq ft of retail and 468,000 sq ft office space all on 55 acres. Highlights among the 100's of shops are the Gelato Shoppe, Made in KC Marketplace and True Food Kitchen. Many additions and updates were completed in summer of 2018, so you'll be able to feed your shopping addictions with ease.

The Port of KC is a very busy and important transportation hub that will be experienced up close. It was established in 1977 by the city of Kansas City. The Port of Kansas City is approximately 9 acres located at Missouri River adjacent to the West Bottoms Industrial District of Kansas City MO. Located near major national railroad intermodal yards of five Class I railroads, four interstate highways, and the central business district of Kansas City, the Port of Kansas City is a true multimodal connector.

As the public-partner in the reestablishment of waterborne commerce, Port KC is charged with making certain that the following public goods, environmental considerations and economic impacts are maximized:

One barge is equivalent to 16 railroad cars or 70 truck trailers. The efficiency of waterborne transportation translates into shipper savings of an estimated \$10 – \$12 per ton. Not only does this decrease the congestion, accidents and maintenance costs for the nation's highway system, but it also means a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. (continued next page

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In August of 2015, the Port welcomed its first barge since 2007, reasserting the importance of waterway transportation and opening a new era of multimodal transport with the proposed rail connecting expected to be complete by May of 2017.

From there we will experience the Steamboat Arabia. This 1856 Steamboat struck a log as it worked its way down the Missouri River. The boat quickly sank and virtually all 200 tons of the precious cargo lay on the bottom of the river. As rivers do, the Missouri shifted. In 1987 the Hawley family along with friends began a 20-year excavation ½ mile from the River. This resulted in the largest collection of pre-Civil War artifacts in the world.

We are especially excited about the tour to Subtropolis. The World's Largest Underground Business Complex.® What is SubTropolis? SubTropolis was created through the mining of a 270-million-year-old limestone deposit. In the mining process, limestone is removed by the room and pillar method, leaving 25-foot square pillars that are on 65-foot centers and 40 feet apart. The pillars' even spacing, concrete flooring and 16-foot high, smooth ceilings make build-to-suit facilities time and cost efficient for tenants. A tenant requiring 10,000 to one million square feet can be in their space within 150 days. SubTropolis is completely dry, brightly lit, with miles of wide, paved streets accessed at street level.

That amazing experience will end with a hands-on tour of the Kansas City Royals or Chiefs Stadium.

The University of Kansas Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Department is excited to welcome our group into their facility, where we can witness first hand how the future of our industry is being educated. From there we will take a tour of the Holladay Whiskey Distillery.

The General Motors facility will show us the manufacturing process up close. We then will tour the surprisingly educational and fun Hallmark Museum and have lunch at Fritz's Railroad Restaurant where your meal is delivered by model train.

There are so many things for you do during your free time, you won't be bored!

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While you are in town, we will make sure you have the opportunity to check out the Power and Lights District which is the self-proclaimed heartbeat of Kansas City. This new nine block area with more than 50 restaurants, bars, shops and entertainment venues offers something for everyone.

What would a visit to Kansas City be without some barbeque and jazz? Well that's what we will be partaking in at the Friday night social! We have planned true KC BBQ and a live music experience at the American Jazz Museum. Here you can learn hands on about the beginning of jazz as we know it!

We will be offering seminars that will help your clubs with meeting ideas, social networking, small club pointers, leadership and KC gangsters! Field trips and seminars will be offered on both Wednesday and Thursday this year, so you have ample opportunity to enjoy KC!

So be sure to mark your calendars for September 22-29, 2019 for a swinging good time in Kansas City, Missouri. Registration packets will be out in May. We can't wait to show you how "We Do KC!"

Tammy Watkins and Casi Nichols

2019 Co-GACs

## KANSAS CITY

Kansas City sits on Missouri's western edge, straddling the border with Kansas. It's known for its barbecue, jazz heritage and fountains. Downtown, the American Jazz Museum shares a building with the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in the historic 18th & Vine Jazz District. The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, with giant shuttlecocks out front, houses nearly 40,000 works of art, from ancient to contemporary collections.



*In  
Loving Remembrance*



*Mrs. Lurline Andrus*  
*1926-2019*

## OBITUARY

"When I get old and gray, I would rather say: 'I'm glad I did rather than I wish I had!'"

Lurline Wall (Lurl) Andrus was born January 17, 1926, in Port Arthur, Texas, the only child of Clem and Lillie Tucker Wall. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in top ten percent in January 1944. She played alto sax in the Band and Melody Maids. She studied at University of Texas and lived in Scottish Rite Dormitory. She returned to Port Arthur to graduate from Port Arthur Business College.

Lurl moved to Houston in 1952 to begin a career in oil and gas industry. She started as a secretary, was promoted to deed register clerk then developed skills and increased her knowledge of the industry. She moved to Dallas in 1956 and continued working in the energy industry.

Lurl and Ray Andrus married in 1956, then moved to Washington, D.C. They lived there 32 years. Lurl worked for American Petroleum Institute (API) as Legislative Assistant. She covered U.S. House and Senate legislation affecting the oil and gas industry and business community. Lurl and Ray were active in political and social scenes for 32 years. Ray was attorney for the AFL-CIO. They were both involved in both political parties, including all the inaugural festivities.

While working for API, Lurl joined the Washington, D.C. Desk and Derrick Club, an affiliate of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC), an international professional educational organization comprised of women and men in the energy industry. After joining the D.C. Club, she moved up to the office of President of the Washington, D.C. Club to be Regional Director. She then rose up the ADDC Board to Secretary, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and President, then Board Advisor. As President, she became a skilled public speaker and leader; and played a major role in growing ADDC. She remained an active member of D&D until her death.

API rewarded Lurl's efforts by promoting her to Meeting Coordinator. She was responsible for planning, organizing and attending seven annual legislative meetings throughout the United States. She remained in that position until her retirement. Upon retirement, Lurl was honored for the many years of contributions to the industry and her dedication and hard work.

### In Loving Remembrance of

### *Mrs. Lurline Andrus*

January 17, 1926  
April 14, 2019

#### SERVICE

April 18, 2019 2:00 p.m.  
Levingston Funeral Home  
Groves, Texas

#### OFFICIATING

Reverend Phil Chamberlin

#### INTERMENT

Greenlawn Memorial Park  
Groves, Texas

#### PALLBEARERS

George Taylor	Aaron Drawhorn
Randy Watson	Charles Gongre
Ryan Drawhorn	Lewis Knight



Lurl visited all 50 states and was also a world traveler. On her own she went by air, rail, water, bus and auto to Russia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Greenland, Central America, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Malaysia, China, Moscow, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji Islands, Philippines, as well as many trips to the Caribbean, Canada and Mexico.

Lurl and Ray returned to the area in 1991 where they built a home in Nederland and with Jill, their Marc cat. Lurl cared for her mother, Lillie, until her death 1992. She became active in local civic groups and served in many capacities. The Department Club; 8<sup>th</sup> District of Federated Music Clubs; Concert Association of Southeast Texas (CAST); Knife and Fork Club; and TAMES. In 1999, she joined the Board of Trustees of the Community Retirement Home where she remained until her death. She was proud that during her term as President, rules were changed to allow residents to keep small pets on the premises.

Lurl was a member of the Methodist Temple; 70-year plus member of Eastern Star Chapter 953; Port Arthur Historical Society; Lamar College Alumni; Second Saturday Night Dinner Club; Third Friday night and biweekly bridge clubs; Commodores; Pompano Club; Golden Triangle Republican Women; and North Harris-Montgomery Counties Desk and Derrick Club. She attended Desk and Derrick Convention and Regional Meetings throughout her 50 year membership. Having missed only two since her first in 1968 she was honored for perfect attendance until 2007.

Lurl was a football and baseball fan especially devoted to the Washington Redskins, Texas Longhorns and Houston Astros.

She enjoyed people and on her 90<sup>th</sup> and 93<sup>rd</sup> birthdays, she hosted a dinner party attended by 50 of her dearest friends and relatives from throughout the U.S.

Lurl was an animal lover! As an only child, animals were her companions. She said that if she was a billionaire, there would be no strays or abandoned animals as she would have a huge estate. As an adult, she always adopted and gave generously to animal and humane organizations.

Lurl had a deep, abiding faith in her Lord, and to those who knew her well were aware of that meditation and prayer were important factors in her daily life. Growing up in the First Baptist Church of Port Arthur, where her father was a deacon, she taught Sunday school, played piano for Sunday school departments and sang in the choir along with her parents. When she married Ray Andrus, she transferred her membership to the Port Arthur Methodist Temple.

Lurl preceded in death by her husband of 36 years, Ray Andrus, her parents, grandparents Hardin and Maude Peterson Tucker Baker, father-in-law and mother-in-law Eric and Mae Harmon Andrus, her adored cats Jill, Leo, Bailey, and many special friends and relatives.

Among survivors are cousins Frances Wall, Margaret Wall, beloved companion Fred Day and his family, Lisa Hill, Aaron and Ryan Drawhorn and beloved cats Diane, Brandi, LeeAnn, Sir Charles and her "beloved animal family."

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## Louisiana gets nearly \$95 million for coastal restoration from federal oil revenue-sharing pact

April 25, 2019

WASHINGTON — Louisiana will get nearly \$95 million for coastal protection and restoration efforts in the latest round of payments from the federal government's Gulf energy royalties.

State officials quickly hailed the announcement of the latest round of Gulf of Mexico Energy and Security Act funding as a win for the state's conservation and hurricane protection efforts.

"Revenues from oil and gas activity in the Gulf of Mexico are vital to restoring our coast and protecting coastal communities," U.S. House Minority Whip Steve Scalise, R-Jefferson, said. "American energy dominance will play an increasing role in the revenue sharing dollars coming to Louisiana, and I look forward to working with President Trump to support a robust energy strategy in the Gulf of Mexico which allows us to better protect the coast we love."

The latest tranche of GOMESA funding, which the U.S. Department of Interior announced Thursday, is roughly \$12 million more than the state received under the program last year — about a 14 percent boost.

But the annual money from GOMESA still hasn't reached initial estimates coastal officials anticipated just a few years ago. State leaders initially anticipated revenue would reach about \$175 million a year by this point; the latest release tracks with revised estimates unveiled two years ago.

Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Chairman Chip Kline said the increase over last year is still reason for optimism about future boosts.

"With oil prices and leases on the rebound, we could see additional dollars in coming years, and we are actively working with our congressional delegation to raise the cap on the total amount we could receive in peak years," he said.

Stephen Barnes, an LSU professor and economist who has worked on GOMESA forecasts for the state, said the latest release is within the most recent forecasts but "a little bit on the lower end."

"In the long run we remain confident that the overall share is going to go up over time," Barnes said. "This is a small incremental gain, but every year we expect that to go up, following the

long-run trend and ultimately provide a stable, larger source of revenue that we've all been looking for to protect our coastline."

Congress established GOMESA in 2006 to distribute some federal revenue collected from energy-related drilling off the coasts of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas back to those states.

"This money is made off Louisiana's coast, and it is used to battle coastal erosion," said U.S. Sen. John Kennedy, R-Madisonville. "It's no secret that our coastline is disappearing, threatening coastal families and jobs. This increase in funding will help us restore our wetlands and preserve Louisiana's future."

Louisiana's cut of the nearly \$215 million in total GOMESA funding that's being doled out this week is the largest among states that are part of the revenue-sharing pact, as Louisiana has more oil platforms off its coast than the other three states.

Of Louisiana's \$94.7 million, about \$75.8 million will go to state-level efforts. The remaining \$18.9 million will go directly to 19 coastal parishes in amounts ranging from \$582,000 to more than \$1.8 million.

The GOMESA funds must be dedicated to coastal restoration or protection work, under state law.

"This funding is critical to our efforts to restore and protect our coast and will allow the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to construct hurricane protection and coastal restoration projects that will better protect our communities, help restore our coast, and make our state more resilient," Gov. John Bel Edwards said in a statement.

GOMESA has, in the past, found itself under threat of elimination as officials eyed other priorities for spending.

U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy, a Baton Rouge Republican who has rallied support of the program alongside other members of the Louisiana delegation, vowed to continue "to work with the (Trump) administration, and the entire Louisiana delegation, to preserve this important program."



