

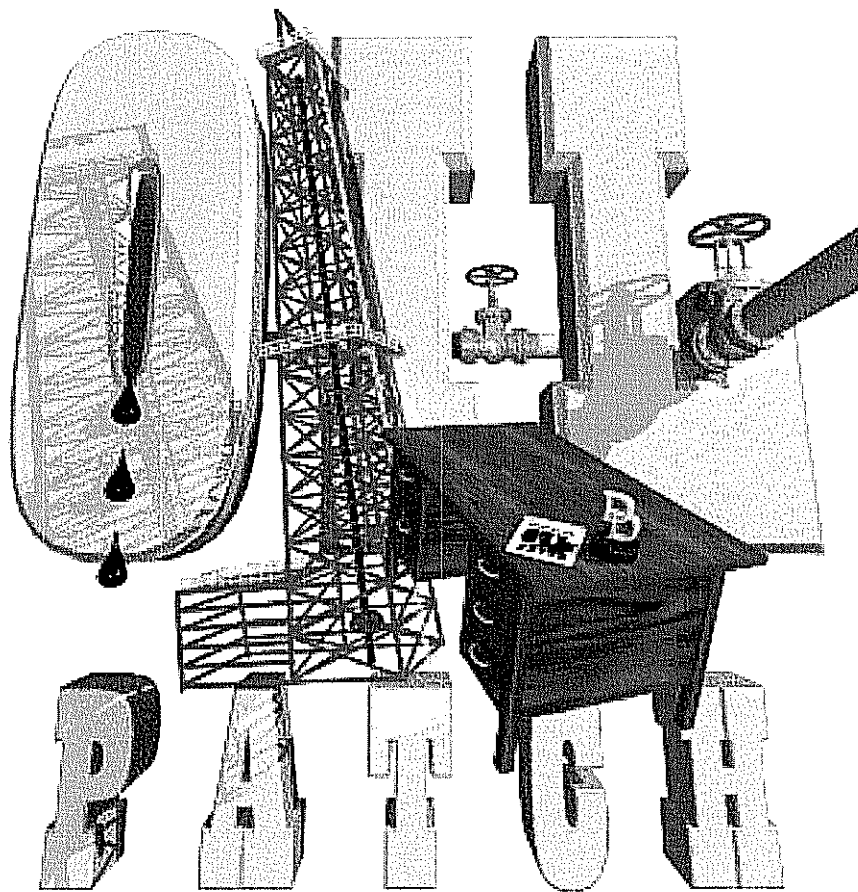
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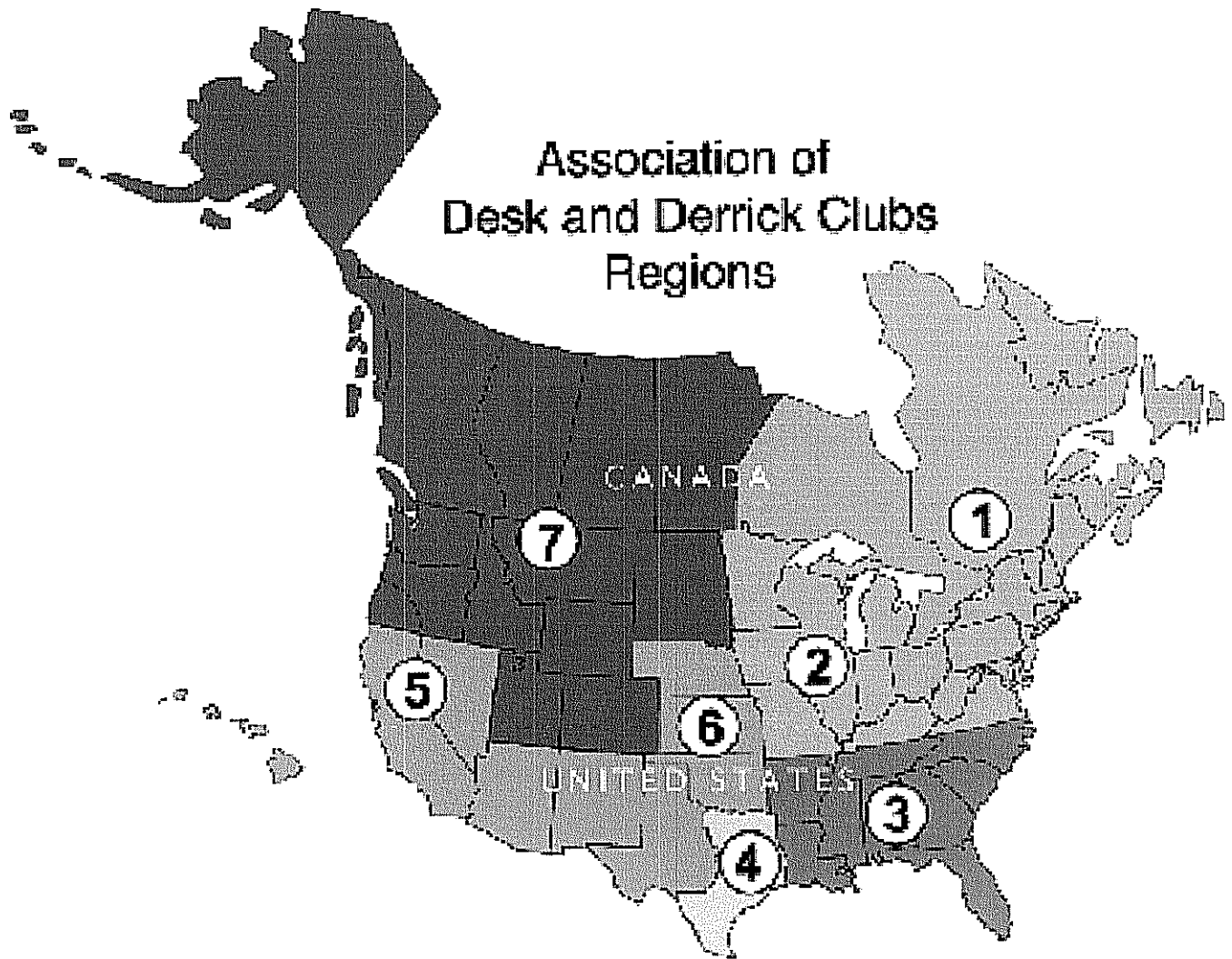
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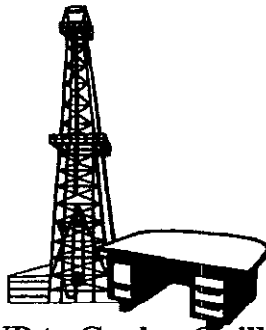
### CLUB PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be to promote the education and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy, and allied industries.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the club is to enhance and foster a positive image to the global community by promoting the contribution of the petroleum, energy and allied industries through education by using all resources available.

**Monthly General Membership Meeting held  
the fourth Wednesday of each month at  
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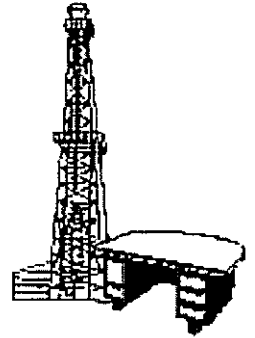


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# Association Information



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# President's Newsletter

May 2010

**Donna Siburt**  
ADDC President

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Greetings ADDC Members!

I'll start off this letter with some great news! We have received the Teaching Guide for the EAB and it is being sent to the printer. The Board had approved 1,000 copies of the Teaching Guide to be printed initially and to include one free copy with the purchase of each 25 copies of the Energy Activity Book. We will let you know as soon as we receive them at ADO.

We have begun our 2010 journey to **CONNECT, COMMUNCIATE** and **COLLABORATE**. So far, I have attended the Region IV and Region V meetings. My first trip took me to the Region IV meeting in Rockwall, TX, where we were Energized by Education. Then it was on to Region V where we learned about geology in the area. Both meetings were a great success and everyone came away with a little more knowledge of the industry and the world we work and live in. The finishing touches are being put on the rest of the regional meetings. All the information is posted on the ADO website if you have not already registered.

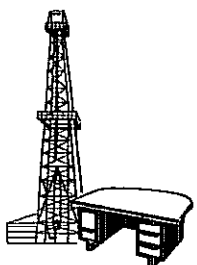
You should have recently received the first edition of the 2010 Desk and Derrick Journal. I want to thank Audra Horton and Debbie English for their hard work in getting this out as planned. The articles are great and information from all over the Association was included so that all the membership can be aware of what else is happening around the regions. The next deadline of the DDJ is July 1. Audra and Debbie are already collecting articles for the next issue, so be sure to send any articles or pictures from your regional meetings that might be used in the next DDJ.

The ADDC Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for office in 2011. Are you ready to take the next step? Don't worry, I thought I was stepping off the edge of the earth when I completed my submittal, but I had a lot of supporters that were ready to support me and catch me if needed. And yes, I have needed it already, but thankfully they were there. Think about it! It is a very rewarding experience and I am not even half way through my year.

If you don't think you can take that step yet, take a small step by volunteering to either be a rep or a Committee Chairman on an Association committee. It is a great small step to take to start your journey and to learn how things work. Angie Duplessis is currently seeking volunteers for 2011 and the form is on the website.

Until next month....

*Donna*



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# **Region III Information**



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Through Networking and  
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# Region III Director's Newsletter

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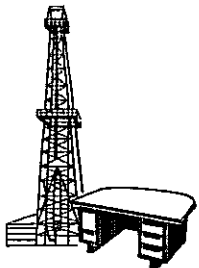
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## May 2010

To: All Region III Members



This month's letter was due just prior to our Region Meeting in Houma, therefore, I will write about that in my June letter. For May, I have an awesome Desk and Derrick story to tell that really helps define the value of being a member of the Association, and making friends at all levels of the organization. At the end of March, I decided to have Lasik eye surgery, as dry eyes have made it impossible for me to continue wearing contact lenses. Two of my coworkers and one of their spouses both had Lasik surgery by Dr. Mark Meadows in Baton Rouge. Patricia and I already had a trip planned to Houma on April 9<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans for the Region Meeting, so I thought I would try to take advantage of that trip and kill two birds with one stone. In order to have surgery on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>, I had to be in Baton Rouge by 1:30 p.m.; however Patricia wouldn't get off work until noon. Several options were considered, including me riding my motorcycle to Baton Rouge, with Patricia towing the motorcycle trailer down with her on Friday afternoon. I was trying really hard to prevent us being in two vehicles the whole trip. On Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>, everything just came together, when Murphy Oil scheduled a last minute flight to New Orleans on a company jet at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, allowing me to tag along. Judy Quick's husband Henry picked me up at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport around 9:00, and drove me to Dr. Meadows' office in Baton Rouge. After my initial exam, it was determined that I was a candidate for the surgery, and that I would have the procedure on my right eye after lunch. Angie Corvers, retired ExxonMobil employee, member of the Baton Rouge Club, and a long-time D&D friend, came to Dr. Meadows' office and took me to Walgreens for a prescription prior to surgery, then to lunch where we had a great time catching up. After lunch she drove me back to the doctor's office, then ran a few errands until after my surgery, when she came back and led me (half-blind from dilation and surgery) to the hotel around 4:30 p.m. Patricia arrived in Baton Rouge a short time later, and checked on me before spending the evening with her sister who lived on the other side of town from the hotel. The next morning, we stopped off at the doctor's office for him to take a look at my eye. Then Patricia and I were on the road to Houma. What an amazing benefit of D&D it is to have friends from around the country come to your rescue in times of need!!



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Don't forget, the 2010 ADDC 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention is set for September 22 – 25, 2010, at the Hilton Houston Westchase, hosted by the

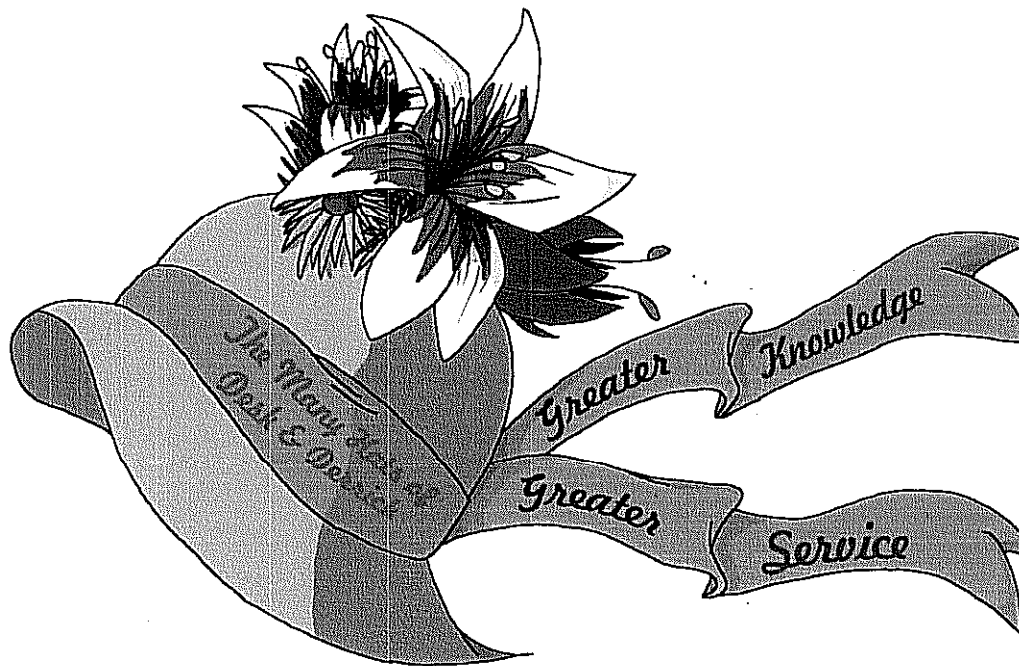


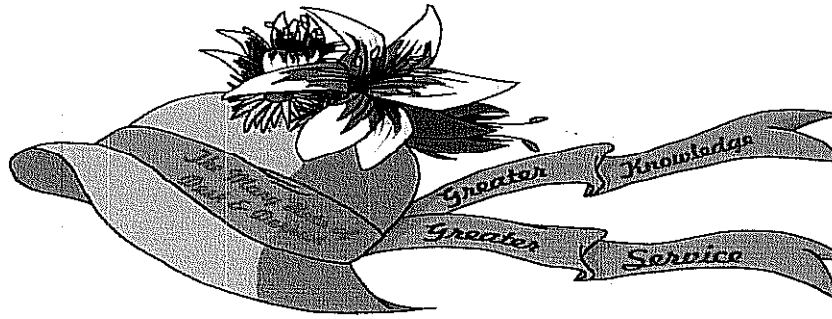
*Desk and Derrick Club of Houston. The registration form is available at the ADDC web site. I hope to see you all there!*

*Keep your eyes on the horizon!*

*Keith*

# Westbank Club Information 2010





## May 2010 President's Letter

The April showers have brought us those beautiful May flowers I have been smelling since my April letter. The first quarter of my term has flown by. My second quarter is off to a "Blooming" start. The sweet smell of flower blossoms are in the air and everything is coming up Roses for our organization.

Summertime is here and what a summer it will be. Your board has and will be planting seeds. Our garden will produce educational programs and fun functions now to the end of the year.

You know the old saying, "All Work and No Play", well at this time my personal plans are set for family and friends travel and functions. I have heard that two of our members and their families will be off to the Mediterranean for a two week cruise.

I will eagerly be listening to hear what "The Ear" will have to share with us at the end of the summer about our memberships adventures. Whatever you all do, wherever you go, near, far or staycation be sure to whisper it in "The Ear's" ear.

Looking forward to being under the stars for an awesome outing with fellow club members, family and friends at the Ponchartrain Vineyards just north of Covington on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The Adams, Guillory and Hunter families have already been. They said, "Been there, done that and definitely doing it again!"

High school graduates are wearing a wide variety of flower corsages and boutonnieres to proms, presenting spring bouquets to teachers and receiving them themselves for their accomplishments related to their graduation. Our June general membership meeting will be overflowing with bright floral centerpieces to match the even brighter smiles on the faces of our nine 2010 scholarship recipients, their parents, families and friends. Be sure to be there to meet your recipients, congratulate them, give them words of encouragement and share your wisdom with them. This will be a great time for all of us to enjoy the smell or our sweet success in raising funds to help these deserving young people go forth and plant their flower gardens.

Bonnie R. Wall, President

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**DESK & DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK  
2010 MEETING DATES**

**BOARD MEETINGS**

January 20, 2010  
February 17, 2010  
March 17, 2010  
April 14, 2010\*  
May 19, 2010  
June 16, 2010  
July 21, 2010  
August 18, 2010  
September 15, 2010  
October 20, 2010  
November 10, 2010\*\*\*  
December 8, 2010\*\*\*\*

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

January 27, 2010  
February 24, 2010  
March 31 (Changed from 24<sup>th</sup>)  
April 28, 2010  
May 26, 2010  
June 23, 2010  
July 28, 2010  
August 25, 2010  
September 29, 2010\*\*  
October 27, 2010  
November 17, 2010\*\*\*  
December 15, 2010\*\*\*\*

\*THE APRIL BOARD MEETING MOVED UP DUE TO REGIONAL IN HOUMA 4/21-4/24

\*\*THE SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MOVED BACK DUE TO CONVENTION IN HOUSTON 9/21-9/25.

\*\*\*THE NOVEMBER BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS MOVED UP DUE TO THANKSGIVING.

\*\*\*\*THE DECEMBER BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS MOVED UP DUE TO CHRISTMAS.

ALL BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT #3 FERNWOOD STREET, GRETNA, LA. UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.

ALL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE FOUR COLUMNS, 3711 WESTBANK EXPRESSWAY, HARVEY, LA. UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.

ALL BOARD MEETINGS AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS BEGIN AT 6:00 PM.

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**REGION III MEETING:**

April 21-25, 2010 in Houma, Louisiana

**ADDC CONVENTIONS:**

September 21-25, 2010 in Houston, Texas hosted by Region IV

September 21-25, 2011 in St. Louis, Missouri hosted by Region II

September 19-23, 2012 in Tulsa, Oklahoma hosted by Region VI

## PAST PRESIDENT SPEECH

Having been president twice, there is not a whole lot that I can tell you about myself that you do not know.

I joined Desk and Derrick as a member of the Metairie Club when I was working on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. After Metairie folded I transferred to the Westbank and immediately got involved with the Chili Cookoff. Since then I have served on almost all committees and chaired many of them.

Highlights of my membership, besides the friends I have made, are the doors that Desk and Derrick has opened. I have toured a Federal Reserve Bank in Denver, the THUMS Islands off the coast of California, the Superconducting Super Collider Site in Waxahachie, Texas (now closed), and an SPR Site which I was never able to visit as an SPR employee.

With Desk and Derrick, I have partied aboard the Queen Mary and at the Southfork Ranch. I have traveled to Mackinac Island and visited the Grand Hotel; rode in a hot air balloon in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and visited the Canadian Rockies twice.

Now, I am gearing up with the Westbank to go Walking to New Orleans for the 2011 Region III Meeting!

*Dottie Ancona*

*1995 and 2007 President*

Westbank President's Year - 1988  
by: Theresa Adams

1988 was a very good year!

Ronald Reagan was completing his term as president, and George H.W. Bush was elected to succeed him.

Fashion embraced many looks - from the preppie look to the vamp look – from Madonna to the elegance of Dynasty. Designer jeans made their first appearance during the 80's. Hair was big, big, big! Do you remember???

Due to the industry downturn in the early eighties, I believe our membership was between 60 and 70 members. Our board consisted of 15 members = President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Treasurer, Correspondence Secretary, Recording Secretary and 8 Directors. Directors served 2 year terms - with 4 being elected each year; thus four directors retired and four new ones came onto the board.

Board meetings were held in the executive board room at Reagan Equipment Company. Our general meetings were held at the Holiday Inn since the Petroleum Club had closed.

Lisa McCoy was the Regional Director that year and regional meeting was held in Jackson, Mississippi (her home club).

I remember one of the field trips at this region – Mr. Vockroth, a member of the Jackson Club and a geologist took us to a site where he explained the formations and then we walked through a creek bed searching for fossils. Many of us found one. That was exciting as I was, and still am a geology nut!

Association President was Helen Turgeon from the Calgary Club. Convention was held in Anchorage, Alaska - the only time ever! What a wonderful experience – Alaska is beautiful! Danali National Park, Mt. McKinley, etc. Roy and I missed a North Slope field trip, due to a small hurricane that had most of the airlines pulling their planes out of New Orleans. That was very frustrating!

But we had a wonderful time at the social that year. All members dressed as dance-hall girls with the net slips, fish net stockings, etc. Our spouses were riverboat gamblers - and most of us made our costumes. Helen Campian, our oldest member at the time, paraded us to the event and truly acted as our Madame. She was something else!

Due to Hurricane Katrina my scrapbook was destroyed, so business details were lost. But, I will always cherish the memories in my heart when I served as the Westbank President.



# THE MANUEVERABILITY OF LIFTBOATS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO AND BEYOND

## MARCH 2010 PROGRAM

I, Susan Miller, a member of the Westbank Desk and Derrick spoke at their May meeting. As an employed with Laredo Offshore Services in Belle Chasse, Louisiana I gave an overview of my company's services.

Laredo Offshore Services currently has four liftboats or jackup boats, two derrick barges and one material barge.

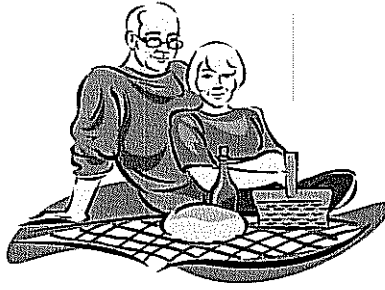
The jackup boats have GPS and Z drives which easily maneuver them adjacent to the offshore rigs or platforms. They jack up and down the legs of the boat to the desired height of the platform. These vessels are manned by Laredo personnel, the captain, mate, cook, able bodied seamen and two ordinary seamen who are all Coast Guard licensed and TWIC card holders. Also on board might be the subcontractors, the divers, welders, etc. These vessels can sleep up to thirty-eight people at a time with all the amenities of home, including internet, with a private room for the captain, company man and cook who have to get up early in the morning.

The derrick barges and material barge are manned by the Laredo Construction Company. The construction yard is in Galveston, Texas. At times the Laredo Construction Company crew are on board the jack-up boats as needed.

Two of these vessels had the opportunity to work in the Bahamas repairing some bridges last summer. Everyone in the company wanted to work this hitch. It was a twenty-eight day hitch unlike the other hitches which are fourteen days on and fourteen days off. It was a crew change nightmare, but as always, it worked out.

Laredo is a family owned company and a good company to work for.

Susan Miller  
Westbank Desk and Derrick Program Chairman



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**Directions to Pontchartrain Vineyards Winery:**

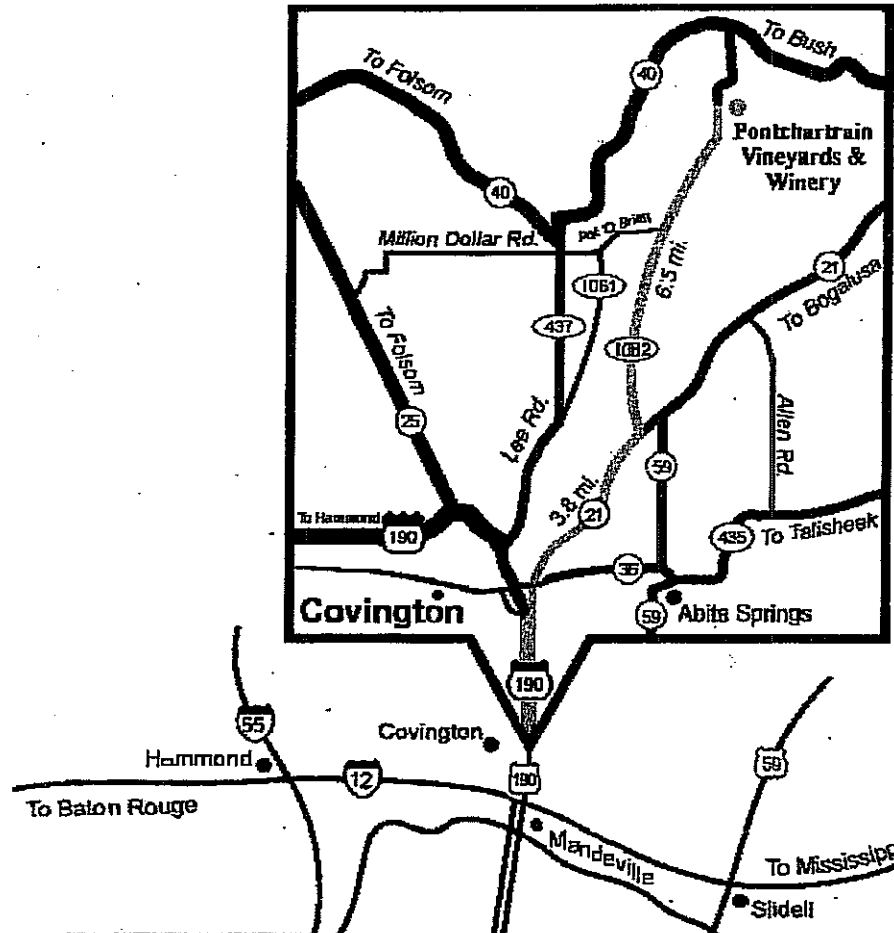
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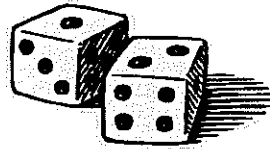
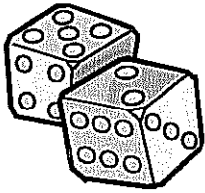
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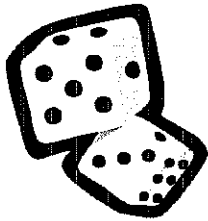


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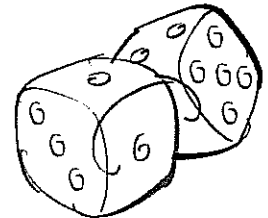
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**Doors Open: 5:30 P.M.**  
**Games Begin: 6:30 P.M.**

**Place: M-I SWACO Auditorium**  
**4300 Peter's Road, Harvey, LA**



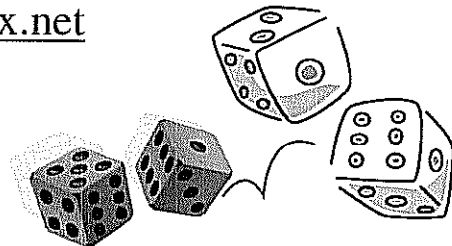
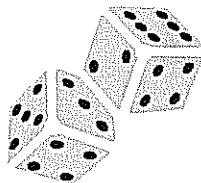
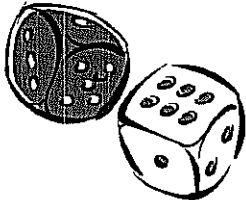
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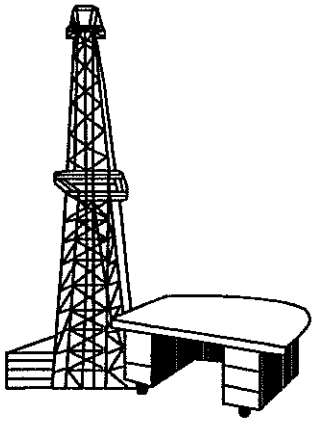
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