

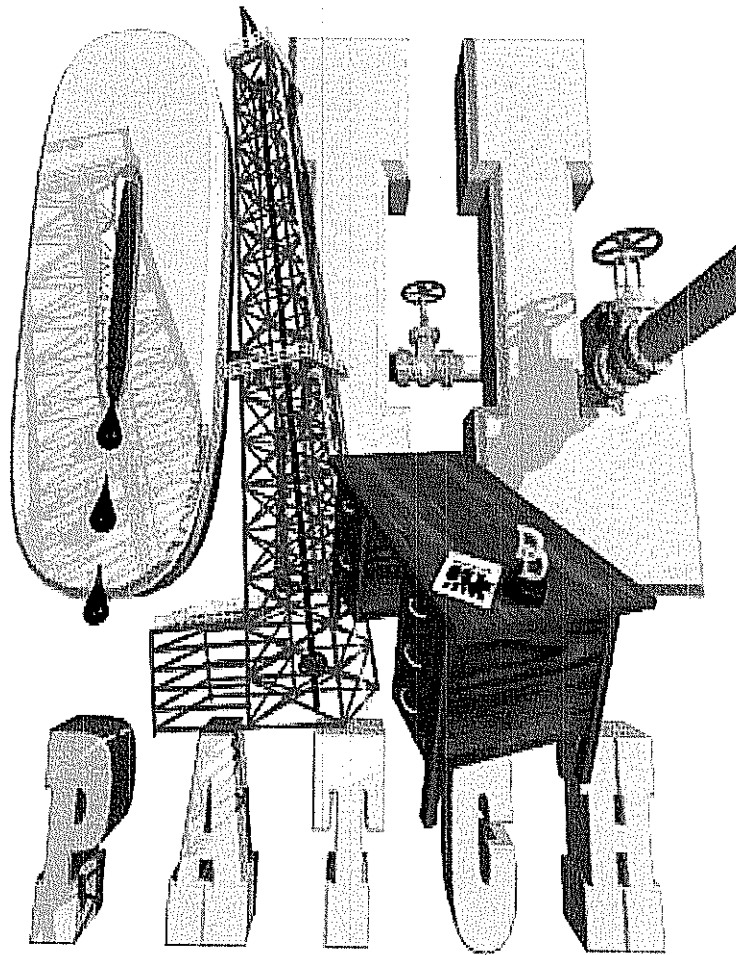
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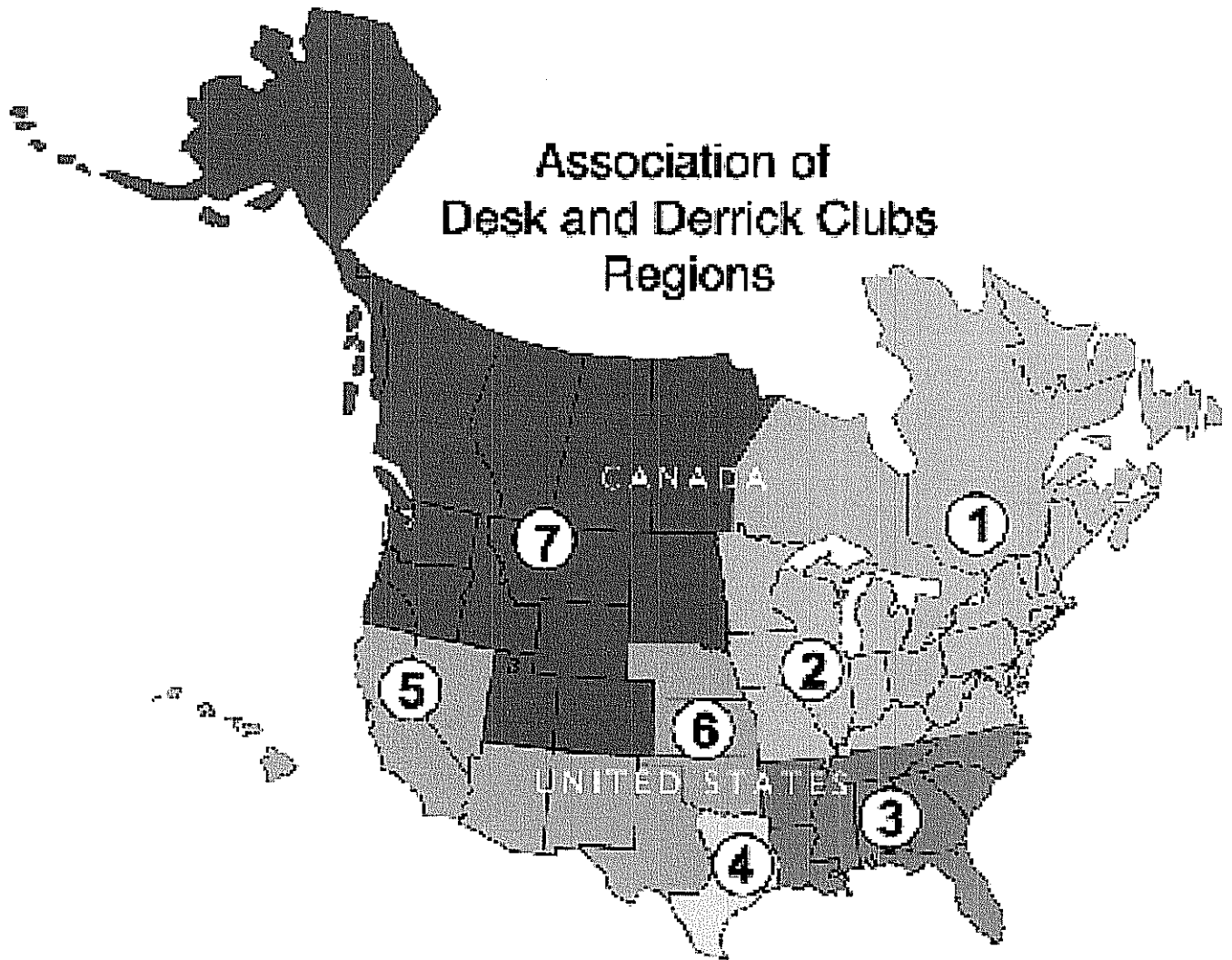
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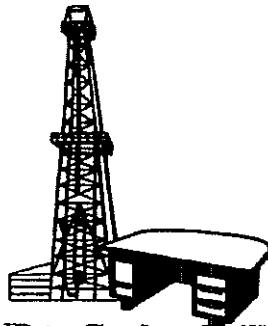
CLUB PURPOSE

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.

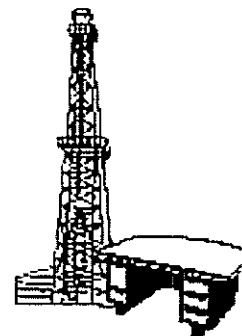
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President's Newsletter



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January 2011

Dear Members,

As we begin a new year, the 2011 Board is looking forward to working with the members of the Association to lead us through the **Gateway to Growth and Opportunity**. Our first order of business will be the Budget and Planning Meeting where each committee submits its plans for the upcoming year. I encourage each of you to share your thoughts and suggestions, along with your concerns with your Regional Director or any member of the Board so that they can be considered.

Desk and Derrick guarantees each of us the opportunity to learn more about the oil, gas and energy related industries that employ us. We must be determined to keep the message alive and grow through "Greater Knowledge – Greater Service". We all have complicated schedules to keep, but if you make time for yourself, whatever your goal or interest, you will see yourself differently. Allow Desk and Derrick to be the motivation that promotes self confidence. Participate in your club's activities, take full advantage of listening to industry speakers, attend field trips, and seminars. The more you participate, the more confident you become.

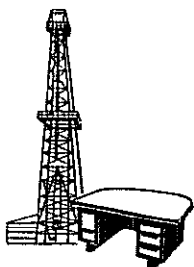
I want to thank the following members who have volunteered to chair the 2011 Association Committees. These committees are necessary for our continued growth.

Club Bylaws Review – Christine Wolfe; Education-Anna Lewis-McBeth; Membership-Maxine Bauer; Program-Patti Shipp; Public Relations-Ieasha Stewart; Rules-Val Blanchard; Tax Exempt U.S.-Misty Hendricks; Tax Exempt-Canada-Brian Carter; ADDC Manuals Review-Cheryl Wootton; Certification-Susan Cook; Contest-Evelyn Smith & Ruby Redington; Credentials-Kathy Deshasier; DDJ-Audra Horton & Debbie English; EAB2-Pat Cook; Leadership Resource-Virginia Calhoun; Long Range Planning-Linda Jones; Nominating-Sheryl Minear; Publications-Julie Wagner; Scrapbook-Glenda Gaither; Tally-Bonnie Fish; Trade Show U.S.-Judi Adams; Trade Show Canada-Doris Burak; Winning Image Photo-Tammie Stephens

I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve as your President. It is an honor to represent each of you. Your involvement and commitment is necessary for our success.

So come with me as we **GO**!!!!!!!

Angie



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2011 CONVENTION REPORT

Small & mighty, Region II is working hard to make your 2011 Convention experience a memorable and educational event. We are utilizing the services of Destination St. Louis for our field trips, entertainment and transportation. They have provided us with pages of ideas. Some of the possibilities we are looking at include a Melvin Price Locks & Dam tour, Earthways Home & Fred Weber Quarry trip, a visit to the Scott Air Force Base, Mine & Lime tour, Shaw Nature Reserve, Museum of Transport & Missouri History, plus a Taste of St. Louis. Tentative seminar topics include Electric Co-Op's, Prairie State Energy Campus a local coal plant, Home Energy Conservation, Green Energy, Laughter, and Safe Driving, as well as the next in the certification series. We hope to have the finalized list prepared and ready to share with members in September at the ADDC Convention in Houston.

If you haven't blocked off the dates of September 21-25, 2011 in your calendar get busy now. We are expecting to see all of you at the renovated Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront Hotel. Committees are established, ideas are flowing and we are excited to share them with you.

Region II urges you to "Meet Us in St. Louis" as we celebrate the 60th convention of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs.

Cindy Weaver

General Arrangement Chairman

Theresa Adams
ADDC Foundation Chair

January 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In August of 2010, Phyliss Bennett contacted me to tell me that she would be retiring from the Foundation; and to ask if I would consider the nomination for the chairmanship of the Foundation. After some deliberation, I agreed.

I was approved as the new chair for the ADDC Foundation at the Foundation Meeting during the 2010 Convention in Houston. I cannot express the appreciation I feel to be so honored by my fellow trustees.

The ADDC Foundation Trustees for 2011 are:

Theresa Adams, Chair	Sue Carscadden, Trustee
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The Foundation was formed in 1987 by ADDC to assist the Association, its members, and others in the petroleum, energy and allied industries in developing educational projects and programs.

The Foundation provides full or partial support for:
Workshops, Symposia and Seminars
Educational Publications and Media
Research
Certification Programs
Educational Outreach Projects

The trustees are always considering projects that educational organizations, industry groups, and you - the members - submit for funding. The Foundation qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. IRS code.

However, in order to continue funding these worthwhile projects, we depend on your donations. To donate to the Foundation, please visit our website: www.ADDCFoundation.org for a donation form and more information. Thank you.

Theresa Adams

Maxine Bauer, Chairman
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Dear Members,

By now, most of us have received our 2011 Membership Renewal forms. Membership is more than just sending in your check and signing a form. Individuals join Desk and Derrick for many reasons. Maybe you joined for the camaraderie and networking experiences, maybe you joined to further your education in your job, or maybe something else inspired you to join. Whatever the reason, you are here now. You accepted your membership. My question to you is... what are you going to do about it? I say we follow our President's lead through the **Gateway to Growth and Opportunity**. To do this we start at the some level...

Gateway... Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines gateway as an opening for a gate. It actually uses an example sentence as "Hopefully, my college degree will be a gateway to a high paying job." Desk and Derrick can be your gateway to a better future by being more knowledgeable about your job, your industry and the industries around you. It might be your ticket to entering a new industry. Synonyms for gateway include: passport, key, open sesame, and ticket. Doesn't that seem to be a way to reach that brass ring in the future?

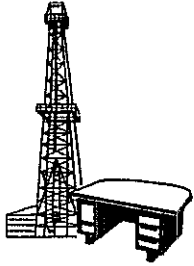
Growth... Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines growth as a stage in the process of growing; progressive development; evolution. No matter how young or old you are if you have joined Desk and Derrick you anticipate progressive growth. You see the potential of who and what you can become. You are not stagnant in your lifestyle but are thriving to become the best you can be. Isn't the journey so much more fun together than it would be alone.

Opportunity... Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines opportunity as a good chance for advancement or progress. Don't you just get a warm fuzzy inside when you accomplish something you set out to do? Even if you don't get that promotion isn't that warm fuzzy that you finished that certification program or finished that college course wonderful! I set a goal of finishing my college degree by the time my oldest daughter went to college. I didn't start college until after I was married and had two children, so there were many nights and weekends spent to "getter done". I didn't finish as my oldest daughter started but I did finish and graduate the same year she did and the satisfaction I found in completing my goal was worth more to me than money can buy. Desk and Derrick provides those same kinds of opportunities. You will only get out of it what you are willing to put into it but there are lots of warm fuzzies waiting for you in Desk and Derrick.

Share is defined as to tell (as thoughts, feelings, or experiences) to others —often used with the word *with*, as in share with others. Become contagious, not as in sharing your germs but as in sharing ideas and experiences, some would say show your enthusiasm. If you are truly contagious others will want to be a part of Desk and Derrick also.

Now go out, through the **Gateway to Growth and Opportunity** with Desk and Derrick and be contagious.

Maxine



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January 13, 2011

Happy New Year to Region Directors, Presidents and Program Chairmen:

I hope that you are looking forward to this year's programs as much as I am. It is always a challenge for the clubs to find educational and interesting speakers for nine programs. Remember that you may sponsor one Desk and Derrick Orientation and two socio-economic or professional self-development programs during the year. If you need some help with ideas, please let us know. We are here not only to track the programs that the clubs sponsor, but also to help with suggestions and ideas.

Speaking of tracking the club's programs; once again, we need your help. It is imperative that we have a record that all of the clubs sponsored at least nine educational programs during the year. That is what keeps our tax-exempt status active.

The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs has received an exemption from paying U.S. Federal Income Tax because our primary purpose is education. To retain our tax-exempt status, each Club is required to file a monthly Program Report to verify that we are in compliance with the tax law and our ADDC Bylaws requiring nine educational meetings per year. The Program Reports will be kept as a permanent record in case we are audited by the IRS.

Program Report Form PRGM 1, and instructions for completing the form, can be found on the ADDC website at www.ADDC.org under ADDC Forms. If you need the password for this section, we can provide it or if your club does not have Internet access, forms will be mailed upon request.

Some of the information on the form can be completed before the meeting. A template will be created so that only the specific program information will need to be completed after the meeting. Please complete the form and submit within seven days after the meeting. The form is to be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to your Region Program Committee Representative. The Region Representative will accumulate the entire month prior to forwarding to ADO and me. If your club is not sponsoring a program in a particular month, a form should still be completed indicating "NO SCHEDULED MEETING." If you need any help completing the form or have any questions, your Region Rep or I will be glad to assist you. You will be receiving additional information from your Region Program Representative

Also, please complete the "Program Club Meeting Schedule" and submit to your Region Program Rep. This form will assist us in tracking the monthly Program reports.

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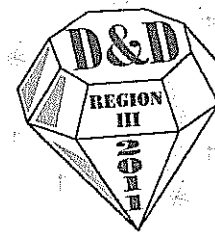
Thank you very much for your cooperation and assistance. Have a great year!!

Region III Information



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Region III Director's Newsletter



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Happy New Year and welcome to a New Year in Region III. My theme for Region III in 2011 is "D&D Jewels – Jewels of Excellence With Education Leadership and Service". The Association, Region and Local Clubs, but most importantly you, are the Jewels that make this organization the success that it is. I encourage each and every one of you to get involved and make a difference at every level of this great organization.

Garnet is the Jewel for January which is the protective gem of journeyers. A gift of garnet is thought to be symbolic of love and the desire for a loved one's safe travel and speedy homecoming.

I am so very excited to be able to serve you as your 2011 Region Director. I actually began my duties as Region III Director-Elect by attending the Pre- and Post-Convention Board Meetings at the 2010 ADDC Convention in Houston, Texas in September. I was in total awe of the 2010 Board of Directors of their efficiency and proficiency regarding our organization. There are many issues that must be addressed by your Board of Directors and it was all handled in an excellent manner. As a Director-Elect you attend the Pre-Convention Board Meeting with "no voice". That sure was a difficult task for me as I like to ask lots of questions.

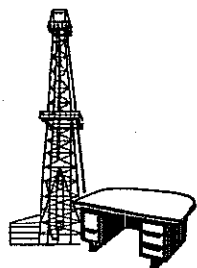
At the Post-Convention Board Meeting I was able to participate "with voice"! Sheryl Minear was approved as 2011 Parliamentarian and Gabriella Hunter as 2011 Executive Assistant. The Board approved the Committee Chairs for 2011 for the ADDC Standing Committees and President-Elect Angie Duplessis reported on plans for the 2011 Budget and Planning Meeting which was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma on January 14th and 15th, 2011.

As you recall, the Association voted at the 2010 ADDC Convention to increase the Association dues for 2011 to \$45.00 per year. Therefore, please keep that in mind as you are paying your Association and Region and/or Club dues.

Any proposed amendments to the Association Bylaws and Standing Rules are due to the ADDC Rules Committee no later than February 11, 2011.

Kathy Martin, Lena Myers and Karen Sager, all from the Lafayette Club, will be serving as my Director's Assistants. If any of you know me, it will take all three of them to keep up with me and to keep me in line. They all have special talents and when combined, will make a great team!

I am very honored to have Liz Pav serve as my Parliamentarian for 2011. Dorothy Semon has agreed to serve as the 2011 Region III Fund Treasurer and Sharon Blackwell will serve as Region III Nominating Committee Chair. Sharon will be sending nomination forms for 2012 Region Director in the coming months. Please consider taking that next step in serving your Region and Association.



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I have been a busy bee traveling to your Clubs to install your officers for 2011. On November 9th, I traveled to Laurel, MS to install the 2011 officers of the Laurel Club. In December, I installed the Baton Rouge Club on December 7th, New Orleans Club on December 8th, the Morgan City Club on the 9th, Red River Club on the 13th, Westbank on the 14th and finally the Houma Club on the 16th. My car has never been driven that many miles, I think she will be glad to be parked for a while!

As your 2011 Region III Director, I am the liaison between you and the ADDC Board. Should you have any questions, concerns or ideas that I can assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime.

The Westbank Club will be hosting the 2011 Region III Meeting, March 23-26, 2011 at The Bienville House in New Orleans. Our Region Meeting room rates range from \$119/night for a standard room to \$159/night for a room with a sun porch plus parking and 13% room tax. The Westbank Club has been working very hard to make this a fun and educational Region Meeting. So please mark your calendars, make your room reservations and prepare to travel to New Orleans in March, 2011.

Until next month.....

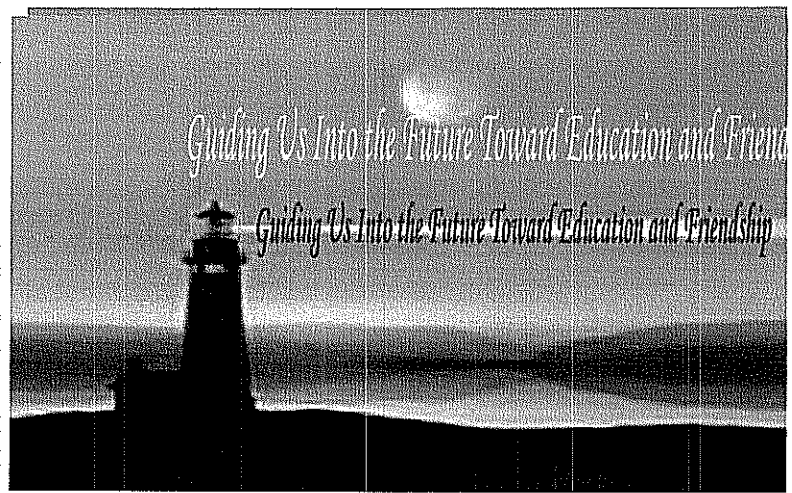
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*Guiding Us Into The Future Toward Education and
Friendship*



Dawn Ott
2011 Westbank President



January 2011 President Letter

Happy New Year to all, it is a new year for me in more than one way. I have the pleasure of serving as your 2011 president; I truly appreciate the opportunity to “Guiding the Westbank club Into the Future Toward Education and Friendship.” I look forward to working with everyone to move our club toward the future while honoring the past. I have a few new ideas and will be bringing them to the board and membership soon. Please think about joining or heading a committee. It is an educational and fun experience. Your wisdom or new ideas would be greatly appreciated.

We all need to work on increasing our membership so let’s hit the pavement and search out new members so they can be part of our D&D family. If you have any ideas on how to increase our membership, please forward them to Elaine Lesnak or myself.

We started the New Year running not walking on planning the Region III meeting that will be held March 23-27 and hosted by the Westbank Club. Please try to volunteer to help with whatever you can, as the saying goes; it takes a “village to raise a child.” Well it takes our whole club to put on an awesome Regional Meeting.

It is not too early to start thinking about becoming an officer of the board in 2012. On that note starting at the January membership meeting, I will be pulling names out of a “hat” for someone to be invited to attend a monthly board meeting, so that you can see the work that goes into keeping the club running smoothly and you will pique your interest in becoming an officer on the board. I have been on the board since the start of my membership. It has taught me a lot in addition to being fun, and I have made life-long friends. SO do not WALK but RUN toward your future of education, fun, and friendship and become a board member. Until next month, I will leave you with a quote:

“Education is the most powerful weapon, which you can use to change the world.”
Nelson Mandela

Dawn Ott
2011 Westbank President

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2011 MEETING DATES

BOARD MEETINGS	MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
January 19, 2011	January 26, 2011
February 16, 2011	February 23, 2011
March 16, 2011	March 30, 2011
March 23-27, 2011 - Region III Meeting	
April 20, 2011	April 27, 2011
May 18, 2011	May 25, 2011
June 15, 2011	June 22, 2011
July - TBA	July 2011 - No meeting
August 17, 2011	August 24, 2011
September 14, 2011	September 28, 2011
October 19, 2011	October 26, 2011
November 9, 2011	November 16, 2011
December 7, 2011	December 14, 2011

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 & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS BEGIN AT 6:00 PM.



2011 COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROJECTS

Name of Organization: _____

Project: _____

Type of Work or Activity: _____

Number of Workers or Volunteers Needed: _____

Date (s): _____

Location: _____

Impact on Community or Organization if we participate in this event:

Submitted by: _____

Will Co-ordinate Event: (circle one) Yes No

You may include brochures or flyers or attach addition sheets if needed for explanations.

Return form no later than: _____

Return To Vice President: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E:Mail _____

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank
College Scholarship Guidelines

General Guidelines for All Applicants:

1. Must submit application through an active Westbank D&D Member. All active Westbank Club Members are encouraged to apply for the scholarship, provided they meet the guidelines.
2. Graduating high school seniors must provide copies of both GPA and ACT scores. Proof of cumulative GPA with a minimum of 2.5 and ACT of 21 is needed to qualify. Proof of these scores must be on an official school issued document with student name and ID#.
 - 2a. All graduating high school seniors must provide a Letter of Acceptance from the college or university attending.
 - 2b. Current college students must submit proof of cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on official school issued document with student name and ID#.
3. All applicants must submit completed application form, including all requested documentation to their Desk and Derrick Sponsor in time to be submitted to the Scholarship Chairman by March 15th. Incomplete applications or those received after the deadline will be disqualified.
4. No applicant will be granted more than four annual Scholarship Awards (need not be four continuous years).
5. All applicants must provide at least one letter of recommendation (from someone other than D&D Sponsor or immediate family member).
6. All applicants must provide letter or essay detailing intended field of study and educational goals.

Desk and Derrick Sponsor Responsibilities:

The Desk and Derrick Sponsor must write and submit a letter to the committee detailing their personal knowledge of the applicant.

The letter, the application, and all attachments, **MUST** be submitted to the Scholarship Chairman or be postmarked by **March 15th** and mailed to: Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank Scholarship Chairman, P. O. Box 2875, Gretna, LA 70054-2875

Scholarships will be issued from available funds no later than June 30th of each year.

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Salazar, Bromwich Announce Next Steps in Overhaul of Offshore Energy Oversight and Management

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) Director Michael R. Bromwich today announced the structures and responsibilities of two new, independent agencies that will carry out the offshore energy management and enforcement functions once assigned to the former Minerals Management Service (MMS).

Salazar and Bromwich also announced that they are establishing a permanent advisory body through which the nation's leading scientific, engineering, and technical experts will provide input on improving offshore drilling safety, well containment, and spill response. Secretary Salazar has asked former Sandia National Laboratory Director Tom Hunter to lead the body, which will be called the Offshore Energy Safety Advisory Committee (Safety Committee).

"We are moving ahead quickly and responsibly to establish the strong, independent oversight of offshore oil and gas drilling that is needed to ensure that companies are operating safely and in compliance with the law," said Secretary Salazar. "With Director Bromwich's leadership, the recommendations of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, and other outside guidance, we are making swift progress in implementing the reorganization plan we put in motion last year. With the leadership of Dr. Tom Hunter, we will also bring together the top minds inside and outside government to help ensure that regulations, safety standards, and well containment capabilities never again fall behind drilling technology and practices."

"The former MMS was saddled with the conflicting missions of promoting resource development, enforcing safety regulations, and maximizing revenues from offshore operations," said Director Bromwich. "Those conflicts, combined with a chronic lack of resources, prevented the agency from fully meeting the challenges of overseeing industry operating in U.S. waters. The reorganization is designed to remove those conflicts by clarifying and separating missions across the three agencies and providing each of the new agencies with clear missions and new resources necessary to fulfill those missions."

On May 19, 2010, Secretary Salazar signed a Secretarial Order that divided the three conflicting missions of MMS into separate entities with independent missions. MMS was renamed BOEMRE in mid-June as Director Bromwich was sworn-in, to more accurately describe the scope of the organization's oversight. On October 1, 2010, the revenue collection arm of the former MMS became the Office of Natural Resources Revenue.

Secretary Salazar and Director Bromwich today detailed the structure of the two bureaus that will separately house: 1) the resource development and energy management functions of BOEMRE, and 2) the safety and enforcement functions of BOEMRE.

The new Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will be responsible for managing development of the nation's offshore resources in an environmentally and economically responsible way. Functions will include: Leasing, Plan Administration, Environmental Studies, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Analysis, Resource Evaluation, Economic Analysis and the Renewable Energy Program.

The new Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) will enforce safety and environmental regulations. Functions will include: All field operations including Permitting and Research, Inspections, Offshore Regulatory Programs, Oil Spill Response, and newly formed Training and Environmental Compliance functions.

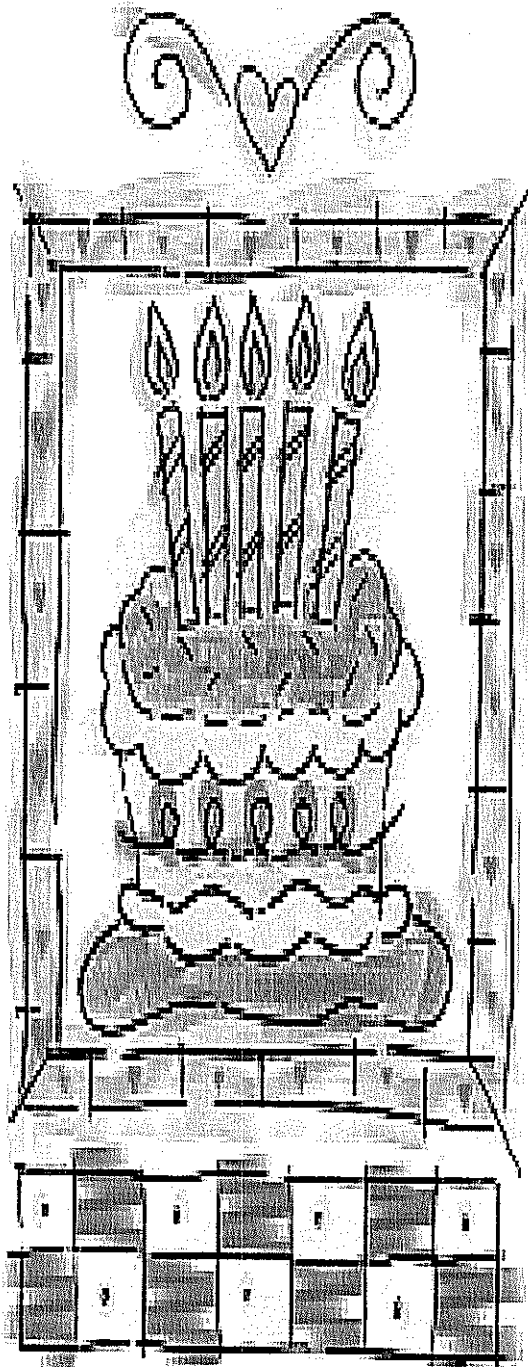
Secretary Salazar and Director Bromwich said that the reforms announced today strengthen the role of environmental review and analysis in both BSEE and BOEM through various structural and organizational mechanisms. Those include:

- The creation of a first-ever Chief Environmental Officer in BOEM;
- Separating Environmental reviews from Leasing in the regions in BOEM;
- The development of a new Environmental Compliance and enforcement function in BSEE; and
- More prominent Oil Spill Response Plan review and enforcement in BSEE.

The Department plans to have the re-organization fully implemented by October 1, 2011.

Separate and apart from the two independent bureaus BSEE and BOEM, the Offshore Energy Safety Advisory Committee (Safety Committee) will advise the Director and the Secretary on a variety of issues related to offshore energy safety, including drilling and workplace safety, well intervention and containment, and oil spill response. The Safety Committee also will facilitate collaborative research and development, training and execution in these and other areas relating to offshore energy safety.

The Committee will have 13 members representing federal agencies, industry, academia, national labs, and various research organizations. Former Sandia National Laboratory Director Dr. Tom Hunter, who Secretary Salazar has asked to serve as Chairman of the Advisory Committee, was a critical member of the scientific team deployed to assist with the containment and capping of the Macondo well. A federal register notice soliciting nominations will be published soon.



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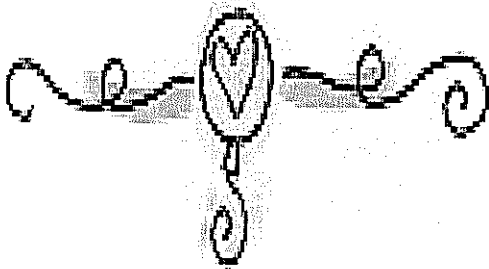
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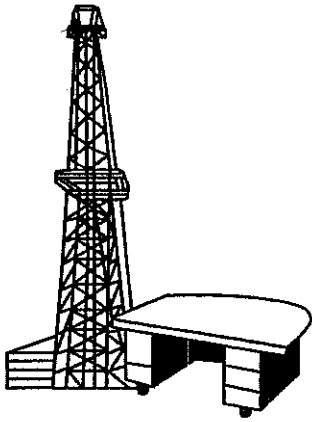
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