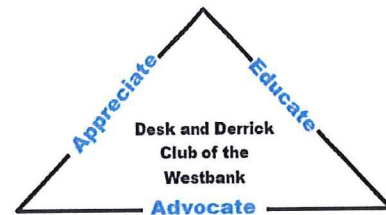
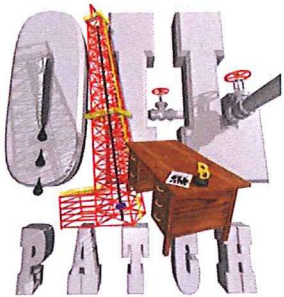


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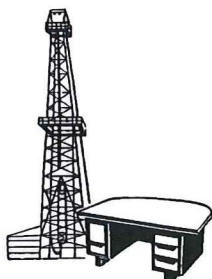
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President's Message

Dear Members:

Happy Valentines Day! There are several legends concerning Saint Valentine and his works. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than married men, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of this decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Claudius discovered this, he ordered Valentine be put to death. The legend continues that Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" to a young woman who was his jailor's daughter. It is said that Valentine fell in love with her and sent her a letter which he signed "From your Valentine". No matter that many legends exist about several saints named "Valentine," we now celebrate by expressing our love for and with our spouses or significant partners. Should we not also celebrate and appreciate those people who often touch our lives? I think that we should.

So, dear friends, now is the time to appreciate our past membership. We salute each of our founders - Ann Billie, JoAnn Brown, Vonette Edwards, Dean Mehle and Dottie Moore - for their courage and dedication to begin a club on the Westbank. Their initiative allowed many Westbank residents to attend a meeting on this side of the river making it easier for them to learn more about the industry that employed them.

We also salute the many members that served on committees to improve our self-confidence and speaking abilities; the members who prepared and presented seminars and workshops; those members who dedicated their time to serve on the board to direct our club each year; members who devoted many hours writing articles, setting up field trips, fund-raisers, and many other events to help our club grow. THANK YOU to so many members that have surely proven our Desk and Derrick Motto throughout the years - "Greater Knowledge, Greater Service." Take a moment to remember these great members for their contribution to our club.

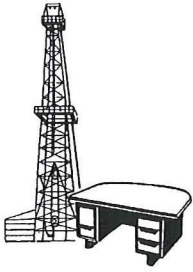
Today, I send a big "thank you" to Charles Miller and Susan Miller for agreeing to chair our Program Committee during 2012.

Wasn't it wonderful that Hilda Wood, a long time Westbank member, was able to attend our January Meeting? So happy you are feeling better - Welcome Back!

Our regional meeting is fast approaching - March 28 through April 1, 2012 in Laurel, Mississippi. If any of you have an issue you wish me to discuss with our Regional Director during this meeting, please let me know ASAP.

Till next month.... Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Theresa



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The year is off to a really great start! President-Elect Marilyn Carter, Treasurer Lori Landry, and I met with André Martin, ADO Manager, in Tulsa in mid-January and handled business items with the banks and ADO. We then met with the entire ADDC Board in Houston, where we held the annual Budget and Planning Meeting. We reviewed and discussed officer and committee reports and will be using the information gathered to plan the Association activities in 2012. We were also able to approve a balanced budget. The highlights of this meeting will soon be posted to the ADDC website (www.addc.org).

The Rules Committee has set February 10th as the deadline for submitting any proposed amendments to the Association Bylaws and Standing Rules. If your club or region has any suggestions for changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules, be sure they are submitted by the deadline.

We've already gotten registration packets for some of the Region Meetings! Continue your travels on the Crossroads of Energy by attending the educational programs and field trips that your Region has to offer. Please support your region by attending – and taking advantage of the many opportunities to learn and grow as you travel the crossroads with Desk and Derrick. You may even consider visiting another Region:

- Region I April 26-29, 2012 Canton, OH
- Region II April 27-28, 2012 Carbondale, IN
- Region III March 28-31, 2012 Laurel, MS
- Region IV May 2-6, 2012 Ft. Worth, TX
- Region V April 26-29, 2012 Wichita Falls, TX
- Region VI April 19-22, 2012 Liberal, KS
- Region VII May 17-19, 2012 Denver, CO

March is officially Desk and Derrick Awareness Month and a great time for each of us to phone a friend or co-worker to invite them to a meeting. Spread the word with your local media; there are numerous opportunities available to advertise your club's upcoming events. Don't forget the ADDC approved ads that can be used in local publications; they are available on the ADDC website (on the Protected: Members Area). Share the news about our educational opportunities, community involvement, fundraisers, and the many things you most enjoy about being a member.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the region meetings and the upcoming 61st Annual ADDC Convention, hosted by the Red Earth Desk and Derrick Club in Oklahoma City, September 18-23, 2012. And, be sure to sign up for just-in-time e-mail notices for Convention updates at the dedicated website: 2012addcconvention.com.

Looking forward to our travels together!!



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February, 2012

To All Region III Members

Our 2012 D&D year is moving along quickly. February is a busy month starting with Groundhog Day, followed by Valentine's Day, President's Day, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday and let's not forget **SUPERBOWL**. Hope our Saints are in that number.

Congratulation to the 2012 Club Presidents and may your Clubs have a successful year.

By this time, all of our Clubs have had their first monthly meeting. Please be aware that your Program Report Form-PRG1 which is available on ADDC website, should be completed monthly and forwarded to me (Kathy Denley), as I am your 2012 Program Representative.

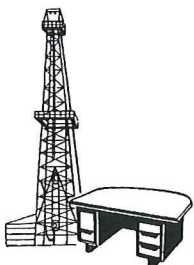
Your 2012 Membership Renewal Forms should have been returned to your Membership Chairman by the end of January. Please submit, no later than February 28, 2012 a copy of the Membership form, transmittal form ADDC13 along with the Region III dues to Val Blanchard, 2012 Region III Fund Treasurer. Mailing address is Perry Flying Center, P.O.Box 85, Patterson, LA 70392.

The ADDC Budget and Planning Meeting was held on January 20th & 21st at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Houston, TX. The 2012 Board worked hard to make sure Desk and Derrick is a success. Highlights from the meeting will be available to Club Presidents for distribution to Membership.

Dorothy Semon, the 2012 Region III Nominating Chairman has sent nomination information to club presidents for 2013 Region II Director. If you are ready for the challenge, please let Dorothy know. Serving as Region Director is very rewarding and a very good learning experience.

All Clubs should have received their Registration Packets for the 2012 Region III Meeting, to be held March 28th – April 1st 2012, at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Laurel, MS hosted by the Laurel Club. Please submit your registration by February 28, 2012 to get into the Early Bird Drawing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at Kathy.Denley@Valero.com or 504-278-5252.



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Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 216/222 in New Orleans on June 20, 2012

Sale Will Make Nearly 38 million Acres Available as Part of the President's Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future

NEW ORLEANS — The Obama administration today announced that the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will hold the consolidated Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 216/222 in New Orleans on June 20, 2012. The sale will include all available unleased areas in the Central Planning Area offshore Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

President Obama will discuss today's announcement during remarks in Nevada later today, in which he will highlight his administration's commitment to promoting safe and responsible domestic oil and gas production as part of a comprehensive energy strategy. This is one of many steps that the Administration is taking, at the President's direction, to increase responsible domestic production and reduce dependence on foreign oil.

"Expanding offshore oil and gas production is a key component of our comprehensive energy strategy to grow America's energy economy, and will help us continue to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and create jobs here at home," said Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. "The President has made it clear that developing our domestic oil and gas resources is a significant part of this administration's efforts to grow our economy and create jobs. This lease sale is part of our commitment to safe and responsible development of the Outer Continental Shelf."

Lease Sale 216/222 is the last remaining sale scheduled in the 2007 – 2012 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Natural Gas Leasing Program. As the President discussed in his State of the Union address on Tuesday, DOI is finalizing the next Five-Year Program for 2012-2017, which will make more than 75 percent of undiscovered technically recoverable oil and gas estimated on the OCS available for development. The Proposed 2012-2017 Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program schedules 12 lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico.

"The Central Gulf of Mexico remains the area with the greatest offshore oil and gas potential in the entire United States outer continental shelf, and this proposed sale is another important step in making this area available for safe and environmentally responsible exploration and development," said Director Tommy P. Beaudreau. "We are moving forward with this sale based on careful analysis of the best scientific information available and consideration of all of the public comments we have received." The proposed lease sale includes approximately 7,250 unleased blocks covering nearly 38 million acres. The blocks are located from three to about 230 miles offshore, in water depths ranging from nine to more than 11,115 feet (three to 3,400 meters) in the Central Gulf of Mexico, a region that BOEM estimates contains close to 31 billion barrels of oil and 134 trillion cubic feet of natural gas that are currently undiscovered and technically

recoverable. BOEM estimates that the Central Gulf sale could result in the production of 1 billion barrels of oil and 4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The terms of sale will reflect recent administrative reforms to ensure fair return to taxpayers and encourage diligent development, consistent with policies articulated in the Obama administration's *Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future*. These include escalating rental rates to encourage prompt exploration and development of leases, as well as time under the lease if the operator demonstrates a commitment to exploration by drilling a well during the base period. The durational terms of leases are graduated by water depth to account for differences in operating at various water depths.

In addition, BOEM recently increased the minimum bid for deepwater to \$100 per acre, up from only \$37.50, to ensure that taxpayers receive fair market value for offshore resources and to provide leaseholders with additional impetus to invest in leases that they are more likely to develop. Rigorous analysis of the last 15 years of lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico showed that deepwater leases that received high bids of less than \$100 per acre, adjusted for energy prices at time of each sale, experienced virtually no exploration and development drilling.

The terms of sale also reflect a series of conditions to protect the environment. These include stipulations to protect biologically sensitive resources, mitigate potential adverse effects on protected species, and avoid potential conflicts associated with oil and gas development in the region. BOEM completed a supplemental environmental impact statement relating to this sale, which considers the latest available information for the Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area following the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill.

Proposed terms and conditions for the sale, which will be finalized in a Final Notice of Sale published at least 30 days prior to the Sale, are detailed in the Proposed Notice of Sale information package, which will be available at: <http://www.boem.gov/Oil-and-Gas-Energy-Program/Leasing/Regional-Leasing/Gulf-of-Mexico-Region/Lease-Sales/216-222/Central-Planning-Area-Lease-Sale-216-222-Information.aspx>. Copies can also be requested from the Gulf of Mexico Region's Public Information Office at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70123, or at 800-200-GULF (4853).

The Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale will be available for inspection today in the *Federal Register* at: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/public-inspection/index.html>.

Community Relations Projects



2012

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 additional sheets if needed for explanations.**

Return form no later than: **February 13, 2012** _____

Return to Vice President: _____ **Susan Miller** _____

Address: **1700 Calder Street – Gretna, Louisiana 70053** _____

Phone: **504.908.6131** _____

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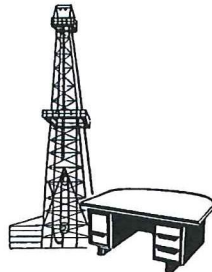
2012 Meeting Dates

BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
January 11, 2012 *	January 25, 2012
February 15, 2012	February 22, 2012
March 14, 2012 **	March 21, 2012 **
April 18, 2012	April 25, 2012
May 16, 2012	May 23, 2012
June 20, 2012	June 27, 2012
NO MEETING IN JULY	
August 15, 2012	August 22, 2012
September 12, 2012 ***	September 26, 2012
October 17, 2012	October 24, 2012
November 7, 2012 ****	November 14, 2012 ****
December 5, 2012 *****	December 11, 2012 ***** TUESDAY

- * Early date due to President's obligations to ADDC President
- ** Early dates due to Regional Meeting date.
- *** Early date due to Convention date
- **** Early dates due to Thanksgiving Holidays
- ***** Early dates due to Christmas Holidays

Save the Date

- Mardi Gras – Tuesday, February 21, 2012
- Region III Meeting – Laurel, Mississippi
Holiday Inn & Suites
March 28-31, 2012
- 2012 ADDC Convention – Oklahoma City, OK
Skirvin Hotel
September 18-22, 2012
- 2013 ADDC Convention – Charleston, WV
Charleston Town Center Marriott
September 24-28, 2013
- 2014 ADDC Convention – Lafayette, LA
Hilton Lafayette



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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 and to educate the general public about these 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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Monthly General membership Meeting held the fourth Wednesday of each month at
The Holiday Inn Westbank Tower, 275 Whitney Avenue, Gretna, Louisiana
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

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