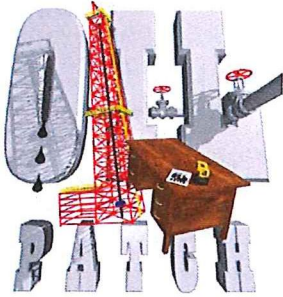


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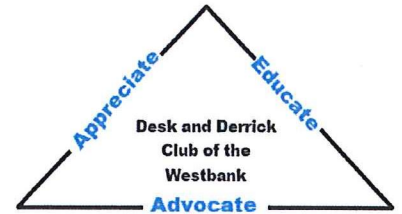
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## Westbank Club President's Message

Dear Members,

March Madness!! That is the catch phrase inundating us these days – from basketball games to selling campaigns I don't think March is bringing much madness. To me, March is bringing signs of Spring - warmer days, cool nights, rain showers, the trill of birds singing each morning!

Springtime is a time of rebirth, renewing and reviving. I'm anxious to work in the garden to remove the dried leaves, plant annuals and just enjoy this refreshing weather. How about you? Are you working in your gardens? Taking a daily walk? Relaxing on a porch or in the yard? If not, perhaps you should make an effort to appreciate this time of year. Just a few minutes in the sunshine can often turn our outlook from gloomy to brightness. It is AMAZING! And, sunshine is healthy for us – it provides Vitamin D.

This month, I say THANK YOU to each and every Westbank member. Your support throughout our history has been outstanding. No matter what needed to be done, one of you stepped up and did it. No matter what event needed assistance, you were there! And Westbank members always performed admirably. Remember, our club won the "Best Desk and Derrick Club of the Year Award" for numerous years – and that was because of YOU – the dedicated and hard-working members.

Also, thank YOU for the support and encouragement you give to each other! If a member was nervous or uncomfortable to step out of their comfort zone, another member was always there to lift that member up. Personally, I could never have achieved the success in my career and in our organization if not for your encouragement and help.

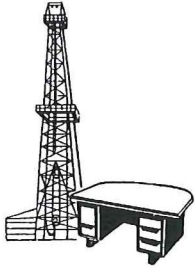
Our regional meeting is at the end of this month -- March 28 through April 1 - in Laurel, Mississippi. If you have not made your plans to join us, it is not too late!! If you have an issue you wish me to discuss with our Regional Director during this meeting, please let me know ASAP.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

***Till next month ....*** When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.

**Helen Keller**

**Theresa**



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March 2011

Dear Members,

It's March and that brings us to Desk and Derrick Awareness Month. After reading the Region Director letters, it's very obvious that our Clubs are all very aware of this special month. Now it's time for the clubs and members to **share** their awareness of the many opportunities that our Association has to offer with potential members and sponsors in your area. Check with local media sources, sign up to volunteer with local industry-related professional organizations, and just TALK about Desk and Derrick with your coworkers and industry contacts. Spread the word!

President-Elect Marilyn Carter, Treasurer Lori Landry, and I enjoyed a brief trip to Tulsa, OK in mid-January to meet with Michael Gray, CPA, and André Martin, ADO Manager; we also had the privilege (and fun) of meeting with a number of the members of the Tulsa Club for dinner. During this visit, we updated bank accounts and signed contracts that are required to do business from our various locales. After the Tulsa visit, the ADDC Board met in Houston, TX on January 20-21 for the annual Budget and Planning Meeting. For two days, the Board reviewed officer and committee reports, discussed many topics, and pored over the Association budget.

The Board approved a balanced budget, 2012 ADDC Convention budget and registration fee (\$250), revision to the ADDC Membership Application/Renewal forms, and upgrading ADO computer equipment. Discussion continues on the use of social networks (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.). The special committee appointed last year is recommending the responsible use of these platforms, but at this time, the Association **does not support** their use. Be on the lookout for more on this topic in the very near future, though. The Budget & Planning Meeting Highlights and the 2012 Approved Budget have been issued to all club presidents and are available to all members on the ADDC website on password protected pages.

Membership renewal and dues transmittal forms are flooding into the Association Distribution Office (ADO) and André is processing them as quickly as possible with help from a temporary office worker. This is one of the busiest times of the year for our ADO Manager. In order to reduce the e-mail and phone request load on André, all members are asked to make requests for assistance through their club president, Region Director, or through me directly. We will funnel the request promptly and appropriately. Also, remember to use the ADDC website ([www.addc.org](http://www.addc.org)) for forms, letters, manuals, and historic data before calling or e-mailing for them. The server host has been changed and the speed of response on the website is considerably faster than before.

In order to maintain privacy of our member directories and other Association-related information, the ADDC website password will be changed effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. The new password will be shared with ALL renewing and new members prior to the change.

March is the start of Region Meetings – with Region III kicking things off in Laurel, Mississippi on March 29<sup>th</sup>. In April, regions I, II, V, and VI will meet and Region VII will close things out in May. Please register for your respective region meeting to take advantage of the outstanding field trips, seminars, and business meetings being planned by the host clubs.

The "**Crossroads of Energy**" is a safe path to take you on many journeys – through Ohio, Illinois, Mississippi, Texas, Kansas, and Colorado. And, I can't wait to see you at one of the Region Meetings. I am truly looking forward to our travels together!!

Westbank Oil Patch



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March, 2012

To All Region III Members

March is Desk and Derrick Awareness Month. Let's make others aware of what Desk and Derrick is and the benefits of belonging to our organization. It is up to you to share your knowledge of its history and the importance this organization has been to your career and your personal life. Members, please consider inviting a prospective member to your March Meeting.

The Budget and Planning Meeting highlights are available in the 20<sup>th</sup> mailing. Thanks, Judi and Theresa, for a wonderful and very well organized meeting.

Dorothy Semon, the 2012 Region III Nominating Chairman, has sent nomination information to club presidents for 2013 Region III Director. Deadline date for submitting a candidate for Region III Director was February 10, 2012. The nominees will be announced as soon as all qualifications are verified and election will be held at our upcoming Regional Meeting.

Any proposed amendments to the ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules should be available for discussion at the Open Forum. The ADDC Rules Committee plans to have them out to membership in time for the Region Meetings.

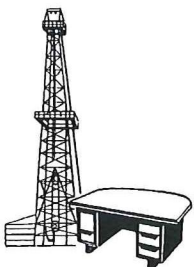
Just a reminder to turn in the Program Reports to the Region Rep, no later than one week after the meeting is held. You must submit a report even if **NO MEETING IS HELD.**

Thank you to those members of Region III who are serving the Association as Chairman or Region Rep.

The Laurel Club is excited and anxiously awaiting your registration form. If you had not made hotel reservations, there is still time.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you on March 30, 2012 in Laurel, MS!

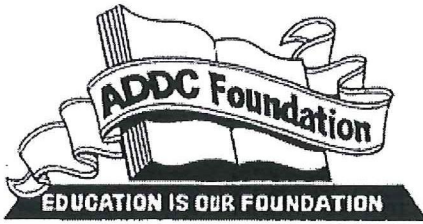
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [Kathy.Denley@Valero.com](mailto:Kathy.Denley@Valero.com) or 504-278-5252.



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**ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS  
2012 BUDGET AND PLANNING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS  
January 20-21, 2012**

- Ratified votes taken post-Convention during 2011 by the 2011 ADDC Board
- Approved handling votes by the Board via email for 2012.
- Approved Michael Gray, CPA, to conduct the annual review.
- Approved continued use of Arvest Bank, Bank of America, and Chase as Association financial institutions.
- Approved ADDC Certificates of Deposit.
- Approved insurance policies and amounts of coverage.
- Approved revising the Membership/Renewal Application forms by removing Home Fax and inserting Cell Phone (optional)
- Approved the publication of three issues of *The Desk and Derrick Journal* with article submission deadlines of March 1, July 1, and November 1.
- Approved ADO Manager's attendance at convention
- Approved upgrade of ADO office computer equipment
- Approved Credentials deadline of August 1, 2012 for the 2012 Convention.
- Approved the 2012 Convention Budget and Registration Fee
- Approved the 2012 balanced Budget for the Association.



Theresa Adams  
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February 2012

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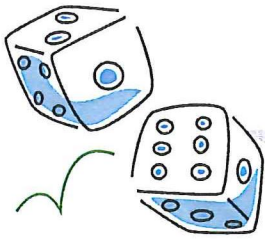
The ADDCC Foundation Trustees work diligently to assist in bringing educational projects to ADDCC members, industry groups and to other organizations. Please submit possible projects to the Foundation for consideration. Visit our website, complete the Request for Funding Form and forward with project description to street or email address.

Of course, we can only bring these projects to fruition with your help. To donate to the Foundation, please visit our website for a donation form and more information.

The following donations were received during 2011 (September through December).

Wichita KS Club - Honor Dan Klaus, Speaker  
ADDCC - Memory of Darlene Turner  
Red River Club - Memory of Joe Rodgers, David Hollingshead,  
Juanita Griffith, Darlene Turner & Royce Walker  
Angie Rust - Memory of Jo Johnson  
Region V Fund - Memory of Jo Johnson  
ADDCC - Honor Convention Speakers/Presenters  
ADDCC - Memory of Polly Holden Tilley and Jo Johnson  
Angie Duplessis - Honor 2011 ADDCC Board and Chairmen  
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Betty Klippert  
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Red River Club - Memory of Carl Arnold, David McDowell,  
Hortence Davis and Herman Simpson  
North Harris Montgomery Countis Club - Donation  
Wichita KS Club - Honor Speaker, Mike Pampeo  
ConocoPhillips Matching Gift - from Angie Duplessis

We thank you for your continued support.



# BUNCO PARTY

Date: Saturday, August 11, 2012



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



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

\$20 advance  
\$25 at the door

Includes food & drinks

*All proceeds benefit the  
Desk & Derrick Club of the Westbank Scholarship Fund*

For tickets contact:

Gaylen Guillory  
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Dottie Ancona  
504-835-6610  
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**Painting**  
with a **Twist**

*Saturday, April 14, 2012  
1900 Lafayette St., Suite 2A  
Gretna, LA 70053  
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Cost \$35  
Guests Welcome*

*Reservations contact: Zelda Gillan at 504-250-6351*

*Or email [zgillan@jeffparish.net](mailto:zgillan@jeffparish.net).*

## 2012 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND BOARD CONTACT

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	BOARD CONTACT
AIMEE	Bonnie Wall	Dawn Goode
BULLETIN / WEB	Angie Duplessis/ Charles Miller	Angie Duplessis
BYLAWS / HANDBOOK	JoAnn Brown	Self
ELECTION	Vera Ledet	Self
FIELD TRIP	Cora Bergeron	Cheryl LeBoeuf
FINANCE 50-50 / MACY'S	Sigrid Vedros/ Dottie Ancona	Angie Duplessis
GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS	Elaine Lesnak	Cheryl LeBoeuf
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LRC	Dawn Goode/Alice Gros	Alice Gros
MEMBERSHIP / ORIENTATION	JoAnn Brown	Self
MEMORY BOOK	Cheryl Leboeuf/Linda Tillis	Pam Lauckner
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SCHOLARSHIP	Gaylen Guillory	Susan Miller
COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROJECTS	Susan Miller	Self

### 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
<b>NO MEETING IN JULY</b>	
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 ***** <b>TUESDAY</b>

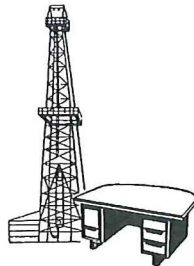
- \* Early date due to President's obligations to ADDC President
- \*\* Early dates due to Regional Meeting date.
- \*\*\* Early date due to Convention date
- \*\*\*\* Early dates due to Thanksgiving Holidays
- \*\*\*\*\* Early dates due to Christmas Holidays

## Save the Date

- Region III Meeting – Laurel, Mississippi  
Holiday Inn & Suites  
March 28-31, 2012
- Spring Social - Painting with a Twist  
April 14, 2012
- Scholarship Fundraiser - Bunco  
August 11, 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  
September 24-28, 2014

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March  
12th Cora Bergeron  
14th Sigrid Vedros  
26th Vera Ledet



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### MOTTO

Greater Knowledge – Greater Service

### 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.

### OIL PATCH

Is the official monthly publication of the Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank. Articles or editorials posted in this newsletter represent the personal opinions of the authors and do not represent the views or opinions of the ADDC organization.

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.

Visit our web site: <http://www.westbankdandd.org/>