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Westbank Club President's Message

Dear Members:

Fall is here!! A bit cooler weather and less humidity is greatly welcomed! As we move into autumn, it is pleasant to see leaves beginning to turn and nice to think about wearing our cozy sweaters and jackets. Of course, here – it may be January before we are comfortable wearing sweaters and jackets.

ADDC Convention held in Oklahoma City, hosted by the Red Earth Club was amazing. The seminars and field trips were all educational and the social activities were extremely entertaining. Roy and I went on the Wichita Safari field trip. A geological wonder - the Wichita Mountains crop out of the flatlands in mid-Oklahoma - a true phenomenon. Two geologists were on the motor coach with us to explain the various strata and layers that we were viewing. We had lunch at a quaint little riverside café. We walked the Burford Trail which is in the Wichita Mountains national park and the Red Earth Desk and Derrick Club will be supplying the official signs for this trail.

President Judi Adams did a fantastic job handling the Association business in record time. Proposed Amendments No. 1, 2 and 6 were passed. Proposed Amendments 3, 4 and 5 were withdrawn by the ADDC Board and referred to the Long Range Planning Committee for more study and review.

The 2013 newly elected ADDC Officers are:

Marilyn Carter – President, Linda Rodgers – President Elect, Lori Landry - Vice President, Maggi Franks –Secretary, Connie Harrison – Treasurer and, Dorothy Dishman will serve as Region III Director.

Our club won a second place AIMEE for Best Industry Seminar – Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness: Speaker, Michelle Lauer; Coordinator, Cora Bergeron. A third place AIMEE was also won for Best Industry Field Trip – Region III Goes to College: Speakers, Keith Tolleson, Ray Frey and Javier Guerrero; Coordinators, Angie Duplessis and Gaylen Guillory. CONGRATULATIONS to our speakers and our dedicated members!!

I was extremely proud to represent the Westbank Club as your delegate. Thank you for that honor. There were only three Westbank members in attendance – Angie Duplessis, Susan Miller and me, joined by Leon and Roy. It was sad that we did not have more members representing our club. Hopefully, next year more of our members will be able to participate in West Virginia.

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October, 2012

To All Region III Members

I hope all of my Region III friends fared well during Tropical Storm Isaac. St. Bernard Parish was hit pretty badly, but I was lucky not to have any damage.

As most of you know my dad passed away and I want to thank everyone for the cards and prayers.

Convention in Oklahoma City has come and gone. Congratulations to Judi Adams, 2012 ADDC President, for a fabulous, professional Convention. The educational field trips and seminars as well as the social events will be treasured forever. Region III members who attended, I hope you all enjoyed the fellowship; those that could not attend, I hope you are able to attend next year in Charleston, WV.

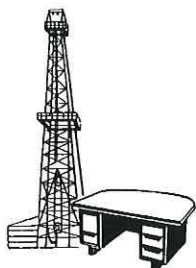
Our 2013 Region III Director, Dorothy Dishman, was able to experience the Association's formal business process by attending the Pre-Convention Board Meeting as a spectator and then as an active participant for the Post-Convention Board Meeting. I know Dorothy will do a fantastic job as our 2013 Region III Director.

2013 ADDC President Marilyn Carter and 2013 Region Director Dorothy Dishman are in the process of filling committee chair and regional rep positions for next year. I encourage all of you to sign up for this great opportunity to learn more about your Region.

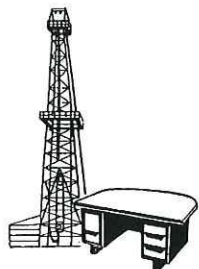
My duties as Region Director are beginning to wind down. In December I will take a road trip to install El Dorado, Red River, Baton Rouge and Lafayette. I am looking forward to these installations.

October is my favorite month, changing of the leaves, cool breezes and Halloween. I hope everyone gets a lot of treats.

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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Convention 2012 is a thing of the past now – and the 258 registrants have returned to their homes and offices filled with memories of their travels on the *Crossroads of Energy*!

It was one of the most exciting, fun-filled, and rewarding weeks of my life and I hope that many of you feel the same. The members of the Red Earth Desk and Derrick Club truly provided a week-long experience filled with activities that educated and entertained all Convention attendees. From the Board field trip to the art museum where we painted an "original" work of art, to the Board meeting and dinner on Tuesday, the field trips and seminars, the Murder Mystery Dinner night, the business meetings and luncheons and the 20's style Puttin' on the Ritz soiree, REDD members showed us that a club with very little experience in ADDC knows how to throw a convention with style and substance!!! Many, many thanks to Jackie Shaver, GAC Chairman, and to all of the REDD members who contributed to the success of the 61st Annual ADDC Convention.

The 2013 ADDC Board of Directors was elected and I congratulate each and look forward to working with the Board again next year.

President – Marilyn Carter
President Elect – Linda Rodgers
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Immediate Past President – Judi Adams

Delegates voted on three of the six proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Board withdrew Amendments 3, 4, and 5 from consideration and have requested that the Long Range Planning Committee review the issue of restructuring committees, both Standing and Special, and present recommendations within the next year.

The three amendments that were considered all passed. Amendments 1 and 2 added the option of election by acclamation in the event of a single slate of officers at both Association and Region levels. Amendment 6 provided a new Standing Rule allowing use of Social Media.

Remember, however, that these three amendments will not go into effect until January 1, 2013 and the Social Media Standing Rule will be accompanied by guidelines and a form requesting use of Social Media that must be approved by the ADDC Board (clubs will submit the form through the Region Director). The guidelines and form will be posted on the ADDC website before December 2012.

Reports from the upcoming Conventions were very motivating, providing information about the conventions to be held in Charleston, WV in 2013 and in Lafayette, LA in 2014. *Autumn in Appalachia* and *Livin' Lovin' Lafayette* are the themes – and the hosting clubs promise that we will be delighted with everything they offer! Delegates approved the bid by Region V to host the 2015 Convention in Lubbock, Texas. And, the kind of Texas hospitality that awaits us is incomparable! We'll be dusting off our boots and polishing our spurs when we meet there in 2015.

The Winning Image Photo Contest and AIMEE Contest winners will be posted on the ADDC website by the end of September. Congratulations to all of the winners – and to every club that had an entry!!!

We still have three more months ahead of us on the 2012 Crossroads of Energy – and a good deal of work left to handle before turning the reins over to the 2013 officers of our clubs, regions, and the Association. Many clubs hold their annual elections in October and I hope that you are all looking at full slates of capable members ready to lead their clubs next year. Also, Industry Appreciation events are often held in October and November, when the club members show their appreciation for the club speakers, sponsors, and members' bosses that have supported our educational goals throughout the year. I add my appreciation to those people too – they are integral to the success of the entire Association.

Don't forget to turn in you're a) **monthly program report**, b) **your new club officer form following your club's election**, and c) **your club's AIMEE Contest entries by the deadline**.

Travel safely on the Crossroads and enjoy the changing weather and seasons!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judi".

Westbank Oil Patch



September 2012

Dear Members:

I hope that all of you are safe and had little damage due to Hurricane Isaac. I know several members evacuated to higher ground but most stayed and rode it out. It seemed surreal that Isaac was making landfall on the seventh anniversary of Katrina. But, we are survivors in this region and always seem to find the courage and fortitude to endure the storms and return to our homes.

September marks the beginning of school and the hope of cooler weather. Please be watchful of the school zones because often children are care-free and they may not be paying close attention to traffic. So, it is up to us to watch out for them.

Labor Day came and went without much celebration in our house, due to Isaac. However, it is a time to remember that our nation honors hard-working citizens. We should be proud to be a part of the labor force in this great nation – it is because of us and our fellow employees that our country enjoys the prosperity that it has. Yes, we are going through difficult times now; but, we are better off compared to other countries in the world. Let's not forget that!

September membership meeting will be on September 26, 2012. JoAnn Brown will present an Orientation Program.

Of course, September brings convention. Convention will be held in Oklahoma City from September 19th through September 22nd at the Skirvin-Hilton Hotel. It is my honor to be representing the Westbank Club as their delegate. Thank you for your confidence in me.

Till next month: *Awareness is not an achievement. It's a lifestyle.*

- Ariel and Shya Kane

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September 2012

To All Region III Members

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer with your families. We have had some nasty weather lately, but we have been lucky that we have had no hurricanes in our path. I don't wish them on anyone and I hope they all stay out of our Region. Hope everyone is staying cool and protecting themselves from the heat.

New Orleans Club invited me to be a guest speaker at their August Membership Meeting and I was able to talk about all the refineries that Valero has acquired and their output capacities. It was such an honor to be able to present this program to my home club about my employer. Take the opportunities whenever possible to share your story – or history of our employer – with your club, if you can.

I am in the process of packing to attend the 2012 ADDC Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. I will arrive on Monday, September 17th in preparation for the ADDC Board Meeting and Training Sessions. All the Field Trips and Seminar sound wonderful and it will be very hard to choose which ones to attend. I am looking forward to the Murder Mystery on Thursday night and I look forward to seeing you all in Oklahoma City!

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**.

Hope everyone enjoys their Labor Day.

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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Are you as ready for the 61st Annual ADDC Convention as I am??? I sure hope so. The members of the Red Earth Desk and Derrick Club and the other clubs in Region VI have been very busy putting the final touches on the outstanding seminars, field trips, and networking events. And the ADDC Board and Committee Chairmen have been busy summarizing the year's activities to discuss at the Pre-Convention Board Meeting. There are still opportunities for sponsorship of Convention, by clubs, individuals, and industry supporters. The sponsorship letter and form are available on the ADDC website – or let me know if you need a copy and I'll e-mail (or snail mail) them to you.

Please come to the Convention prepared to discuss the proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules and to take time to meet the candidates for 2013 ADDC Board. We will have an Open Forum on Friday; this is a time for you to voice your opinions, concerns, and ideas about the amendments or other issues within the Association. Copies of the amendments, candidate information, Convention Procedures, Parliamentary Hints, and the current ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules are all available on the ADDC website in the Members Only (password protected) area.

Is your club looking for 2013 officers and committee chairmen and members? Now may be the right time for you to embark on the Crossroads and submit your name for an office or committee at your club level, or maybe you are ready to volunteer to chair and serve on a committee at a higher level. ADDC President Elect Marilyn Carter and your Region Director are also looking for volunteers to serve on ADDC and Region Meeting committees. Here is your opportunity to add to your repertoire of experiences and to share your time and talents with ADDC. What a great way to live up to our motto "Greater Knowledge – Greater Service"!!

I can't wait to see you in Oklahoma City at the *Crossroads of Energy*!

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All Members:

The DDJ Committee has just finished compiling the second 2012 issue and sent it to the printer so that hopefully you will receive it prior to Convention. The DDJ is one of the benefits you receive from your annual membership dues, and we hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoy putting it together for you. There is one catch in this process, however. The Postal Service, whether it is the US Post Office or its Canadian counterpart, cannot deliver your copy unless we put your current mailing address on the cover. This includes all postal references such as N, S, E, or W, Avenue, Street, Drive, Zip, etc. With bulk mailing, missing the smallest detail can cause the Postal Service to refuse to deliver your publication.

Your name and address on the ADDC website makes up the mailing list for the DDJ. As a Committee we do our best to proofread the content of the DDJ, but we need you to proofread how your information is listed on the ADDC website and advise ADO of any needed changes. If your name and address are correct and you still do not receive your DDJ within a reasonable time, we need to hear from you so a copy can be mailed to you First Class. First Class Mail is expensive; and in order to stay within our budget, we don't want to incur any unnecessary expense.

What do you do with your copy of the DDJ after you have read it? Why not share it with someone in your office, put it in the break room or the reception area, or share it with a prospective new member? We feel the DDJ is a valuable recruiting asset as well as an important public relations tool. Help us make the most of it.

We want to thank the clubs which include us when mailing their club's bulletins and for allowing us to use some of their articles in this year's DDJ's. If you club is not currently doing so, please add us to your mailing list. Our e-mail addresses are listed at the top of this letter.

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Cintas Field Trip

On Friday May 11, 2012 Cintas hosted a field trip for the Desk & Derrick Club of the Westbank. Nine members and guests were in attendance. Cintas is located at 625 Elmwood Park Blvd. in Harahan, Louisiana. The group was greeted by Mr. Mike Kimball, Account Executive who has been employed there for 33 years. Mr. Kimball escorted us to their conference room where he presented a short slide presentation and gave us a tour of their facility.

Cintas is head quartered in Cincinnati, Ohio a national publically held company. Cintas Corporation provides highly specialized services to businesses of all types throughout the world. The company employs approximately 30,000 people and they operate more than 430 facilities on North America, Europe, Latin America and Asia. They have five manufacturing plants in the United States and seventeen total across the world.

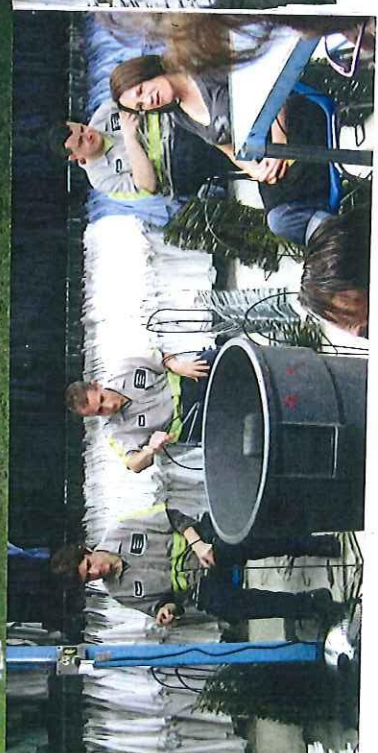
Cintas offers a variety of products and services, such as uniform apparel, facility services, document management which includes a shredding service for disposal onsite and recycling, first aid and safety, fire protection, flame resistant clothing (FRC), clean room resources which includes washroom services along with tile, carpet, upholstery, drapes and promotional products. They do not provide residential service, but do cater to commercial clients. More than five million people go to work every day in a Cintas uniform, including employees from McDonald's, Westin Hotels, Royal Caribbean and many more. They also provide for these industries, casinos, hospitality, automotive, healthcare and food service. Cintas is a uniform manufacturing company who makes all their own clothing and will provide rental lease to customers and direct sale. The fabric uniforms tell the world who you are and where you belong. This tells the power of the consumer's choice, people trust a person in a uniform and this gives a deciding factor.

Cintas provides uniforms to more than 700,000 companies each and every day. All garments are tagged by day, person's name and customer name. Cintas also has programs for the handicapped. For example, this facility employs the handicap from the Magnolia School to sort and grade hangers, which they have been doing for over twenty years since the company promotes recycling. The laundry service provided by Cintas is actually done in really large washing machines and dryers and is all programmed through the computer for the wash cycle, detergent and dryer. Before beginning the wash cycle, the clothes are sorted by FRC, fabric, pants, shirts, cotton clothes, executive clothes and then sorted by weight. Safety is #1 at Cintas, safety is the key to being accident free, safety first your family needs you is their motto and they also provide a Safety Best Practice Sharing Program for their employees.

The company's vision is to "Proudly support our frontline partners as we work towards our common goal of creating Customer Raving Fans who, love doing business with us, stay with us, grow their business with us and tell others about us".

Finally, Cintas was gracious enough to provide a lite lunch for our club. For all those who attended each person received a "Cintas" first aid kit for their automobile and a "Cintas" laundry bag. We had a great time and it was a fabulous learning experience for all.

By: Cora Bergeron



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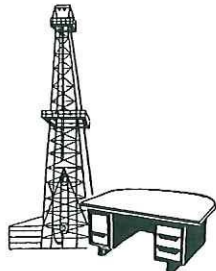
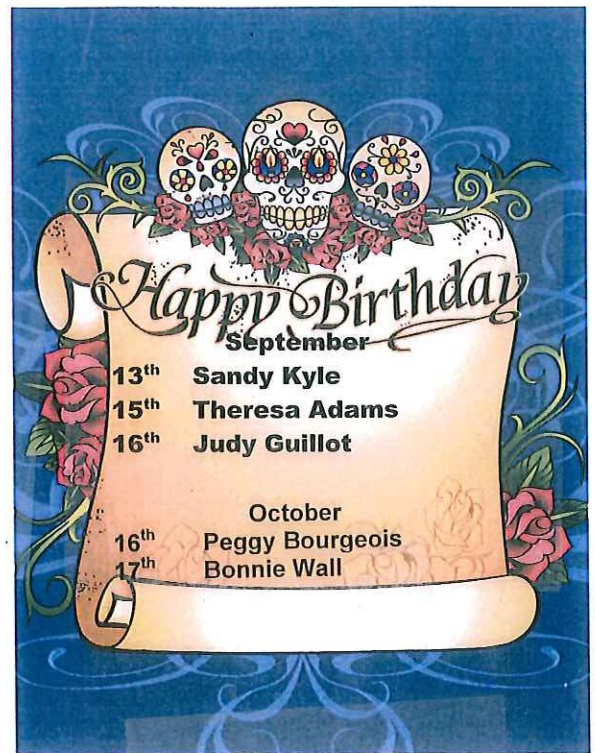
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2014 ADDC Convention – Lafayette, LA
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September 24-28, 2014



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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.

OIL PATCH

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