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## Westbank Club President's Message

Dear Members:

SUMMER IS HERE! VACATION TIME!! We all look forward to a less stressful season; outdoor grilling rather than cooking in the kitchen; sharing beverages with neighbors and friends on the patio! It is the season to relax and enjoy our family, friends and acquaintances. It's Lazy, Hazy Days of Summer!!

Our May speaker was our own Angie Duplessis who informed us about the pricing of oil and gas. She explained how the price of a barrel of oil can fluctuate daily and that it is the first determining cost factor of a gallon of gasoline at the pump. Other factors include refining costs to produce different grades of gasoline; federal and state taxes, along with supply and futures investors.

Each member should have received a letter from ADO with the new ADDC website password for the site. The password cannot be forwarded via email; however it can be given to a member via telephone. We will have the password available at the general meeting. If you have not received this information, please let me know.

Our Industry Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** at MI Swaco. Mr. Ricky Livingston will present *Life of a Drilling Fluids Specialist on a Rig*. The seminar will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The June meeting will be at Boomtown on the **26<sup>th</sup>** and we will host the Scholarship Recipients and their parents. Our speaker will be Mr. Michael Evans, President of Cerion Gulf. His topic will be Nano Technology. Please plan to attend this meeting to support our scholarship winners and this informative speaker.

Although we have no meetings in July, we are planning a social to the Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant located in Oakwood Mall on Sunday, **July 21<sup>st</sup>**. Menu is preset and cost per person will be \$22 per person (including tax and gratuity). Details will be available at the June General Meeting.

Mark your calendars: Bunco is scheduled for Saturday, **August 10<sup>th</sup>** at MI Swaco. Tickets are available now - \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Also Dottie Ancona is willing to lead the Macy's Shop for A Cause Ticket Sales for Westbank Club. The sale will be on Saturday, **August 24<sup>th</sup>**. More info at June meeting.

**Till Next Month:** *I wish you all a HAPPY SUMMER!*

*Enjoy your vacation and spending time with your family!*

**Theresa**

# Region III Director's Newsletter



**Dorothy Dishman**  
Region III Director

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June 2013

Dear Region III members,

As you know from my last letter I was planning to attend two other Regional Meetings; Region VI in Enid, Oklahoma and Region I in Marietta, Ohio. What a rewarding experience both of these were! Region VI Director, Anna Lewis-McBeth did a great job in Enid, Ok. The field trip was to the community of Ames, Oklahoma, where we learned about a meteor crater through seismic testing. The Friday Night function was to an old museum which had a lot of antique memorabilia. The program was a murder mystery! The business meeting, luncheon and banquet were all very enjoyable and interesting. Congratulations to Abby Johnson, the 2014 Region VI Director Elect.

Region I Director, Charlene Tenney, did an equally great job in Marietta, Ohio. The field trip was to the actual shooting of a well in the hills and woods. It was awesome to be there while the "shooting of the well" was done and to see the awesome column of water, oil & whatever else shot out the top of the pipe! It is something I will not soon forget! The Ohio River was the scene of the Friday Night River Boat Dinner Cruise. The business meeting, luncheon and banquet were very interesting. I so enjoyed meeting the members of the clubs in this Region. Congratulations to April Lang, the 2014 Region I Director Elect.

I would like to remind everyone to enter your photos in the Winning Image Photo Contest (WIPC). Photos taken July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 are eligible.

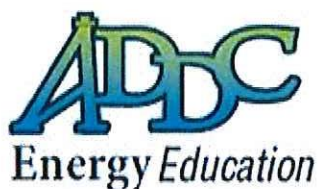
If you have not already done so, please send in your registration to the 62<sup>nd</sup> ADDC Annual Convention, in Charleston, West Virginia, as soon as possible. The dates are September 25 – 29, 2013. I am really looking forward to attending and representing Region III.



Kindest regards,

Dorothy





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## ADDC President Newsletter – June 2013

We are almost there! Six of the seven Regionals have been held with only one more to go. Each of the Region Directors and host clubs have done a wonderful job of putting together educational, informative and fun region meetings and I do not expect the last one to be any different.

I apologize to Terry Ligon and the members of Region IV for leaving them out of my DDJ letter. Please believe it was unintentional. The Wise County Club hosted the meeting in Granbury, TX and members joined in to "Communicate to Educate and Serve".

I have been fortunate enough to attend four of the six meetings to date and will attend the final and seventh meeting in Calgary. The two meetings that I missed were held the same weekend as others, so it was not by choice that they were missed and other members of the board were able to attend in my absence. Thank you Lori and Connie for stepping up. Some of the Regional Directors (Dorothy, Terry, Barbara & Anna) were also able to attend meetings and lend support outside their region. The input and feedback of the members is invaluable and we will be taking your comments and suggestions back to the rest of the Board. Next month after the last meeting, I will introduce the newly elected 2014 Region Director Elects.

As presented in my last correspondence the password for the ADDC website will be changing effective June 1, 2013. A letter will be sent to all members notifying what the new password will be. Please do not publish this in your bulletins or via email to your members. Your personal information is at stake.

The 2014 Convention is only 4 months away and registrations have started to come in. July 1, 2013 is the deadline to take advantage of the price break and the field trips have started to fill up. If there is a field trip you truly want to go on, please do not hesitate...get your registration in now. We would love to be able to accommodate everyone.

We have also seen an increase in the number of members coming in early and the hotel rooms for the Sunday and Monday prior to convention are limited. So far the hotel has been able to accommodate those requests, but please know that we are already over our room block for Saturday, Sunday and Monday before Convention. If that is in your current plans and you have not already booked your room, please do so now, so that if we have to make additional arrangements we will still have time. I look forward to seeing all of you in West Virginia.

*Life is a journey, not a destination....*

***Marilyn***



## The Price of Oil

The hottest topic of today is the price of gasoline at the pump. Everyone is conscious and comparing the price per gallon each day as they commute to and from work, or run errands. It is headline news. A barrel of crude oil is nearly reaching \$135 with no end in sight. Everyone believes that the oil companies are the culprits of high prices. Before pointing the finger and placing blame, here are a few questions we must answer.

Where does gasoline come from? Oil was formed from the remains of plants and animals that lived and died long ago in a marine environment before the dinosaurs. Over the years, the remains were covered with sediment. Heat and pressure from these layers helped the remains turn into what we today call crude oil. A typical yield for a barrel of crude oil is equivalent to 42 gallons. Out of that barrel; 20 gallons is made into gasoline, with the help of the refining process that heats the crude so that the heavy part of the oil can be processed; otherwise there would only be 10 gallons for gasoline. The remaining barrel contains 10 gallons that make diesel; 5 gallons make up liquid petroleum gas, heating oil, and heavy fuel oil, 4 gallons made into jet fuel. The rest is made into other petroleum products. The United States is the world's third largest producer. The Alliance Refinery currently processes 260,000 barrels of crude daily with a 90% clean product yield which include gasoline, jet fuel, and diesel. In volume, more barrels leave the refinery than are brought in.

The top five crude oil-producing countries are: Saudi Arabia, Russia, United States, Iran, and China. Over one-fourth of the crude oil produced in the United States is produced offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. The top crude oil-producing states are: Texas, Alaska, California, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. Thirty-one states have crude oil reserves, including the Pacific coastline. Many of these reserves have gone untouched due to the citizens of these states choosing not to allow on or offshore drilling. We've heard it time and time again, "Not in my backyard!"

The amount of crude oil produced domestically in the United States has been getting smaller each year. However, the use of products made from crude oil has been growing, making it necessary to bring more oil in from other countries. The United States currently imports 60% of its crude oil needs, so what distribution system is used? The imported crude comes from the Persian Gulf Region (18%), Africa (22%), the Western Hemisphere (48%) and 12% from other areas. The crude is distributed by ship, pipeline, and truck. These costs are astronomical.

What are the components that make up the gasoline price at the pump? The cost of crude oil, as a share of the retail, price varies over time and among regions of the country. Today the price of crude oil averages about \$135 per barrel and accounts for about 58% of the retail price. Federal and State taxes account for 15%, refining costs are 17%, distribution and marketing 10%. So when you do the math one gallon of crude oil from a barrel alone costs \$3.22.

What impacts the price of gasoline? Retail gasoline prices are mainly affected by crude oil prices and the level of gasoline supply relative to demand. Since 60% of our crude comes from outside this country, unfortunately there are supply disruptions that can cause drastic price increases. Even when crude oil prices are stable, gasoline prices fluctuate due to seasonal demand and local retail station competition. Prices tend to gradually rise in the spring and peak in late summer when people drive more, then drop in the winter. Gasoline prices can change rapidly. If something disrupts the supply of crude oil or if there are problems at refineries or with delivery pipelines, we notice it quickly at the pump.

The United States consumes 21 billion gallons of gasoline every day, in 210 million vehicles, traveling 7 billion miles per day. There are only 300 million people in the United States. This is a significant amount of energy being used each day by just one country. What are ways to drive more efficiently? The next time you are out on the highway, remember that you burn less fuel by driving under 60 mph. If you must venture out for errands, try one-stop shopping. Start a carpool for work or school. Keep your tires properly inflated and perform routine maintenance on your vehicle.

What is the path for the United States to energy security? We must find and invest in alternative fuels such as coal, natural gas, nuclear electric power, and other renewable energy such as solar, geothermal, biomass, hydroelectric and wind energy. The United States is the largest producer of coal, but coal is not considered a clean fuel.

Written by- Angie Duplessis



# MEMORIES

Sitting around working with our grass skirts at Region III this year, we started walking down memory lane to review past convention and region theme nights that Westbank enthusiastically participated in (to the chagrin of some other clubs).

The first thing that pops into my mind is when we dressed as Pirates in Calgary. There are many other side bits of information about this convention (mostly involving Susan), but that is for another time. We had multiple themes of the 50s as well as Westerns. In New Orleans, we represented “Gumbo” and even provided our own “Moss Woman” (Angie). We have done multiple Mardi Gras Ball reenactments and a second line down Canal Street to the river before boarding a riverboat cruise.

Red River gave birth to a toga party with Angie being wheeled into the ballroom on a luggage rack. The elegant Peabody Hotel in Little Rock was turned on its ear when barefoot cavemen invaded the ballroom chomping on turkey legs!

Hot Springs was only one of at least three pajama parties – but this one we took to the streets. Aliens invaded Albuquerque with members of the Calgary Club bringing along a very strange (and excited) alien man.

We were sweet as Angels to our Saints at a tailgate party not too long ago in New Orleans. We were once Prom Queens with Dottie having her shoes on the wrong feet all night – no wonder they hurt! Angie’s uncle Mark sported “a white sports coat with a pink carnation” at that function.

In a Shreveport antique car museum, “The Marilyns” partied with an appearance by Joe DiMaggio (Jo Ann Brown). We have had Beach Parties, gone to the Land of Oz, and dressed as flappers. Our Alligator Conga Line in Houma is hard to forget and certainly there are still people talking about the Egyptians when Westbank did it up big with their “Jewels of the Nile” party.

Looking over the 2013 Convention packet, I see that the Friday Night function is a tailgate party/game night. Will Westbank be Saints or Sinners? What about Pelicans? What creative or warped minds will come up with memories for 2013? Only time will tell. . .

Dottie Ancona

# **ATTITUDE VERSUS ATTITUDE**

## **(My Attitude Adjustment)**

When I attended my first Regional Meeting, I sat and listened to all the president's reports and other members talk about how much they loved Desk & Derrick. It was D&D this, and D&D that and I thought to myself, "get a life!"

Slowly, as I got more involved, I came to realize that everyone just wanted to share their activities and communicate to the rest of us what was good about Desk and Derrick and what we could learn from sharing. The easiest engaged conversations were those that involved a mutual subject. This is certainly what Desk & Derrick is about – sharing, networking, and interaction with your peers.

With the introduction of "energy" into our purpose, it is more educational than ever before, with those of us in the petroleum end learning about the energy side of the industry. An excellent example of this will be at this year's convention which will be held in Region I in Charleston, West Virginia. Those of us who attend will learn about coal mining and fracturing shale which is big in that area.

So, my attitude has changed from being "put off" by those who eat, sleep, and bleed Desk and Derrick to one who is a cheerleader for Desk and Derrick; one who truly understands its purpose, principles, mission, and motto and as well as the wide-spread and all encompassing educational and fun organization that it is.

Written by Dottie Ancona



## 2013 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND BOARD CONTACT

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	BOARD CONTACT
AIMEE	Bonnie Wall	Self
BULLETIN / WEB	Angie Duplessis/ Charles Miller	Angie Duplessis
BYLAWS / HANDBOOK	JoAnn Brown	Alice Gros
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COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROJECTS	Susan Miller	Self

### 2013 Meeting Dates

BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
January 16, 2013	January 23, 2013
February 20, 2013	February 27, 2013
March 20, 2013	March 27, 2013
April 10, 2013*	April 24, 2013
May 15, 2013	May 22, 2013
June 19, 2013	June 26, 2013
<b>NO MEETING IN JULY</b>	
August 21, 2013	August 28, 2013
September 11, 2013 **	September 18, 2013**
October 16, 2013	October 23, 2013
November 13, 2013 ***	November 20, 2013 ***
December 11, 2013 ****	December 18, 2013 ****

- \* Early date due to Regional Meeting date
- \*\* Early dates due to Convention date
- \*\*\* Early dates due to Thanksgiving Holidays
- \*\*\*\* Early dates due to Christmas Holidays

# Save the Date

# Happy Birthday

Industry Seminar -

MI Swaco  
Life on a Rig  
June 22, 2013

Month of June

13<sup>th</sup> – Edna Guccione

Christmas In July Brunch -

Buca di Beppo  
Oakwood Mall  
July 21, 2013

BUNKO Scholarship Fundraiser

MI-Swaco  
August 10, 2013

2013 ADDC Convention –

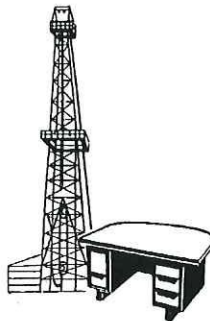
Charleston, WV  
Charleston Town Center Marriott  
September 24-28, 2013

2014 Region III Meeting -

Baton Rouge, LA  
Marriott Baton Rouge  
April 3-5, 2014

2014 ADDC Convention –

Lafayette, LA  
Hilton Lafayette  
September 24-28, 2014



**ASSOCIATION OF  
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CLUBS**

## **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**

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Monthly General membership Meeting held the fourth Wednesday of each month at  
Boomtown Casino

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Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

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