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## Westbank Club President's Message

Dear Members:

May brings warmer weather, Jazz Fest and numerous other festivals to encourage us to enjoy the great outdoors.

Our club celebrated its 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary at our April meeting last month. John Young, Jefferson Parish President shared his views of the future of the growth of the Westbank and the importance of the energy industries to that growth.

The 2013 regional meeting was educational with a fabulous field trip to St. Landry Parish Land Fill, M&J Valve and Halliburton. M&J Valve provided a fabulous lunch. The Presidents' meeting on Friday enabled all the regional presidents to share ideas and discuss any problems facing our clubs. The Friday afternoon Open Forum was informative and we had the ADDC President, and a couple of other ADDC Officers in attendance to answer questions regarding ADDC. Dorothy Dishman, RD, handled the business on Saturday with efficiency and grace. Sharon Blackwell from the Laurel Club was elected as 2014 RD Elect. The Baton Rouge Club will host regional in 2014.

Our club won six AIMEEs at the Awards Luncheon:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Industry Seminar, Nanotechnology, Speaker: Mike Evans

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Industry Article, Where Did Those Mountains  
Come From? Author: Theresa Adams

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Small Bulletin, November 2012, Editor: Angie Duplessis

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: President's Letter, Author: Theresa Adams

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Desk and Derrick Program, How Sweet is Desk and  
Derrick, Speaker: JoAnn Brown

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Field Trip, Cintas, Coordinator: Cora Bergeron

Congratulations to all!

Till next month... We don't stop playing because we grow old;  
We grow old because we stop playing.

*George Bernard Shaw*

**Theresa**

# Region III Director's Newsletter



**Dorothy Dishman**  
Region III Director

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May 2013

Dear Region III members,

May is finally here and that means the beginning of warm summer weather and beaches!

Congratulations to Sharon Blackwell, 2014 Region III Director Elect of the Laurel Club! I know she will do a fine job in representing our region. You can show your support for her by volunteering to chair a committee.

Congratulations to each of the AIMEE winners from the Awards Luncheon. Good luck to each of you at the ADDC annual convention in West Virginia in September.

All the committee reports which were not read at the Region III Meeting are posted on the ADDC website. Please take some time to go read each of these.

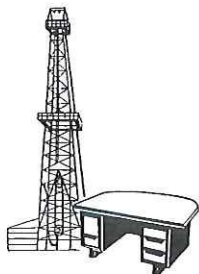
I would again like to again, thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Region III Meeting last month, a great success; Especially the Lafayette Club members and each person who worked on a committee!

I have made plans to attend the Region VI Meeting in Enid, OK on April 26-28 and also the Region I Meeting in Marietta, OH on May 2-4<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to both of these meetings.

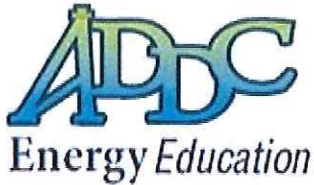
The 2013 ADDC 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Town Center in Charleston, West Virginia. The packet, including registration, is on the ADDC website. Everyone needs to get registered as soon as possible. It will be an awesome Convention!

Kindest regards,

Dorothy



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## ADDC President Newsletter – May 2013

And so it begins! As I write this letter, I am also preparing to attend the first Region Meeting this week. Over the next seven weeks, I have the opportunity to attend 5 of the meetings and each region will be represented by ADDC Board members. We are all looking forward to meeting with the members in each Region and lend our support to the Region Directors. Each region has its own unique traditions, yet they all have common trends. Great educational opportunities are being offered and I commend the host clubs on all the hard work that has been put into the planning and programs. Next month, there will be more details and information from both the RDs and I so don't miss the reports.

One last reminder about getting your taxes submitted to the US Tax Exempt Committee. Chairman Bonnie Fish has been very diligent in sending out the reminders, so I would expect to hear that we have 100% participation very soon.

Many of you will hear the Association Committee reports at your region meeting, and I must say they are full of substance this year. If you cannot attend, please go on the ADDC website as they are posted there. A lot of information is being shared with the club presidents and members, and you have full access to it.

Don't forget about the following deadlines:

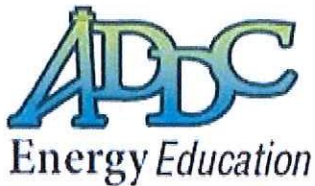
TAXE1	May 15
Distinguished Service Award	May 31
Special Achievement Award	May 31
Nominations for ADDC Board	June 7
Winning Image Photo Contest	Aug 1
Credential Form for Convention	Aug 15

Also, don't forget to keep an eye out for potential educational videos to replenish the library at ADO. These will help our smaller clubs tremendously. And lastly, don't forget to contact Public Relations to let them know what your club is doing to make a difference in your communities.

Did you make a choice...to make a change...and are you making a difference.

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

**Marilyn**



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May 1, 2013

Desk and Derrick Members,

Desk and Derrick has numerous talented members, clubs and committees who qualify for either the Distinguished Service Award or the Special Achievement Award. These are very special awards honoring those who found a way to better serve ADDC and promote Desk and Derrick. It truly is a privilege to be selected and receive either of these awards. Those receiving the awards take it very seriously and continue to work hard to serve this wonderful organization.

Last year both awards were given; one to honor an individual and the other to honor a club. This year the Public Relations Committee is anxiously waiting to receive nominees and honor others at the 2013 ADDC Convention in Charleston, West Virginia, with a huge "WOW." The instructions and forms can be located on the ADDC website and those serving on the committee will be more than happy to help answer any questions. Ever been to Charleston? Well now you have the opportunity to join us there.

It is time to "WOW" your very own community, as the weather is nice and there will be many community activities that your club can participate in and get the Desk and Derrick *WORD OUT THERE!!!* Just contact your Chamber of Commerce Office and get a list of upcoming events. Although there is work involved it can be fun visiting with others and sharing your knowledge. Just think of how rewarding it will be.

The Public Relations Committee has been hard working on several projects this year and we will continue to work and accomplishing all the goals we set for ourselves. The committee is full of **ENERGY** and we are **EDUCATING** the clubs with numerous ideas to help make Desk and Derrick more publicly visible.

Have a great spring and please inform use on what your club has been doing to promote Desk and Derrick, so we can share your store with the entire association.

Sharon Hiss  
ADDC Public Relations Chairman

Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs  
**Regional A.I.M.E.E.**

## Award of Merit

*presented to*

**Nanotechnology**

Michael D. Evans – *Speaker*

Bonnie R. Wall – *Coordinator*

Dottie Ancona – *Author*

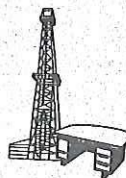
**Westbank**

2013 Best Industry Seminar

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

IN MAINTAINING



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## Award of Merit

*presented to*

**Where Did These Mountains  
Come From?**

Theresa B. Adams – *Author*

**Westbank**

2013 Best Industry Article

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

IN MAINTAINING



ENERGY EXCELLENCE

Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs  
**Regional A.I.M.E.E.**

## Award of Merit

*presented to*

**Cintas**

Mike Kimball – *Speaker*

Cora Bergeron – *Coordinator*

**Westbank**

2013 Best Industry Field Trip

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

IN MAINTAINING



ENERGY EXCELLENCE

Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs  
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## Award of Merit

*presented to*

**How Sweet is Desk and Derrick?**

Jo Ann Brown – *Speaker/Author*

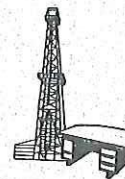
**Westbank**

2013 Best Desk and Derrick Program

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

IN MAINTAINING



ENERGY EXCELLENCE

Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs  
**Regional A.I.M.E.E.  
Award of Merit**

*presented to*

**Westbank Club President's Message**  
Theresa B. Adams – *Author*

**Westbank**  
2013 Best President's Letter  
**2nd Place**

REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

IN MAINTAINING



ENERGY EXCELLENCE

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Award of Merit**

*presented to*

**Westbank Oil Patch**  
Angie Duplessis – *Editor*

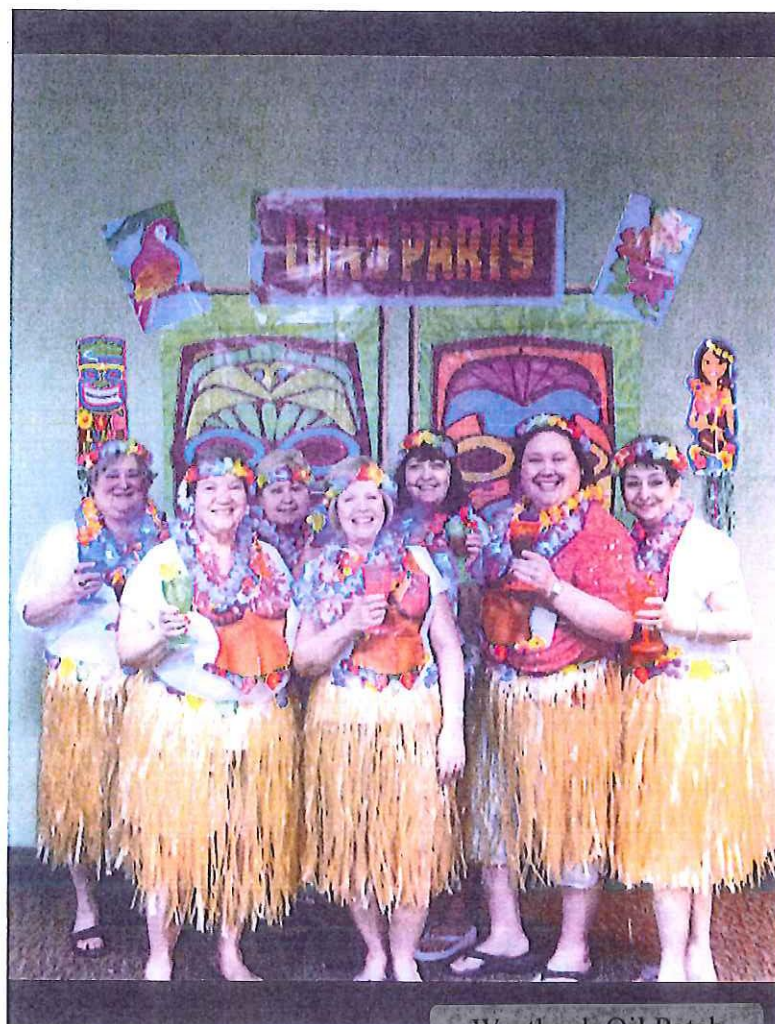
**Westbank**  
2013 Best Small Bulletin  
**2nd Place**

REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

IN MAINTAINING



ENERGY EXCELLENCE



Westbank Oil Patch

## Unique Adventure in Lafayette

During a recent meeting, I had the opportunity to visit some very unique industries in the Lafayette, Louisiana area. Adventure One: the St. Landry Sanitary Landfill. The landfill accepts solid waste from the residents of St. Landry Parish. It is an engineered system designed for safe, environmentally sound long-term waste disposal. The methane gas generated from the decomposition of the compacted waste was extracted and flared until 2012. At that time, they began operating a bio-gas to vehicle fuel project to convert the collected methane into compressed natural gas to fuel vehicles. This bioCNG system now dispenses fuel to a number of St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Department and the Solid Waste Disposal District's vehicles. After riding to the top of the trash mountain, now grown over with grass (and actually beautiful) we viewed the environmental area of the landfill. Seeing this area, one would never know that this is a waste landfill. The facility offers tours to groups, including schools, in order to educate the public about this fuel producing landfill.

Adventure Two: M&J Valve Services was founded 25 years ago by Darryl and Lena Myers. This company revolutionized service to the natural gas industry with unsurpassed safety standards, point-to-point traceability and industry-leading quality controls. M&J was the first to introduce a detailed reporting system for repairs. They serialize each part and track its history. Viewing the various processes to repair the valves was amazing. The valves arrive rusted and broken; they are cleaned, separated, milled and repaired. Each part is serialized which makes it simple to track and then it is shipped back to clients. This company has grown from one small building to an entire block of buildings.

Adventure Three: A visit to the new Halliburton Completion Tools Manufacturing Facility. This 200,000 square foot facility was opened in May 2012 and produces complex machined components for oilfield service operations. State-of-the-art manufacturing equipment at the facility includes numeric-controlled turning and milling equipment, along with such services as heat treatment, coating, assembling and product testing for oil and gas producers worldwide. In addition to the manufacturing shop floor, the facility offers onsite technology capabilities, including performing physical property tests on incoming metallic and elastomeric raw materials in the metallurgical lab. The facility employs about 150 people; has an immense inventory and the newest and most innovative machinery.

These three unique industries, offered a varied educational opportunity – three distinct energy companies – three unique adventures.

Written by: Theresa Adams

# Save the Date

Christmas In July Brunch - Coming Soon

BUNKO Scholarship Fundraiser MI-Swaco  
August 10, 2013

2013 ADDC Convention – Charleston, WV  
Charleston Town Center Marriott  
September 24-28, 2013

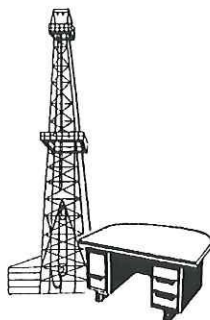
2014 Region III Meeting - Baton Rouge, LA  
Marriott Baton Rouge  
April 3-5, 2014

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

# Happy Birthday

Month of May

5<sup>th</sup> – Pam Lauckner



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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**

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Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

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