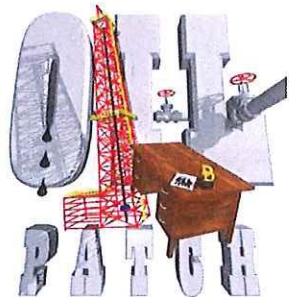


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Westbank Club President's Message

Dear Members:

November is here and with it comes a wonderful season of appreciation and gratitude. **Thanksgiving**, or **Thanksgiving Day**, is a holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November. It has officially been an annual tradition since 1863, when, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26.

We are blessed to live in a country that has always honored free speech, freedom of religion and liberty for each person. We must all remember that these freedoms do not come easily – and be thankful to the many men and women of our armed services who defend our freedoms with their lives on a daily basis.

Life can bring difficulties into each of our lives, but as Thanksgiving approaches, we should recognize the things for which we can be grateful. A loving spouse, a healthy child, a precious grandchild, a caring friend, a faithful pet or the site of a beautiful sunrise or sunset are all reasons to be thankful.

I am thankful for all the great activities and speakers our club has had this year. THANKS to our members who procured speakers for each month's meeting, the members who procured field trips, seminars and socials throughout the year!! I am thankful for all our committee chairmen and committee members for their hard work and dedication to our club – for without them, we cannot fulfill our obligations and remain a vibrant part of our great Association. I am also thankful to YOU, the members, for your participation throughout the year.

At the October General Meeting, our membership elected the 2014 Westbank Officers by acclamation. Those officers are:

Susan Miller - President	Angie Duplessis – Treasurer
Bonnie Wall – Vice President	Cora Bergeron – Director
Dawn Goode - Recording Secretary	Vera Ledet – Director
Gaylen Guillory - Corresponding Secretary	

We all are thankful that these dedicated ladies have agreed to serve as officers and directors of our club. THANK YOU.

Till Next Month – Don't Eat TOO MUCH TURKEY!!

Theresa

Region III Director's Newsletter



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November 2013

Dear Region III members,

What a great convention! Charleston, West Virginia was awesome! The host club did a great job with the field trips and seminars. We also had very good Pre and Post Convention Board Meetings. President Marilyn has done an awesome job this year. She is such a joy to work with; Thank you Marilyn. Also a great big thank you to the West Virginia Club!

I would like to say congratulations to all the clubs in Region III who won AIMEEs. Great job!

Please note that the Board of Directors has voted to include the WIPC in with the Bulletin Contest from here on out. There will be a report sent out on this by the committee chairperson which will include a new deadline and some rules; so be sure to check this out.

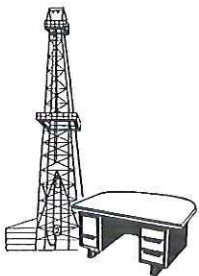
The two (2) proposed bylaw amendments have both passed. They are regarding the Program reports.

As you start to wind down the year please pass on your files to the incoming officers of your club to help with a smooth transition I will be doing installations for the El Dorado Club, Red River Club, Lafayette Club and the Baton Rouge Club in December.

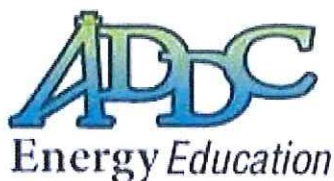
I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

Kindest regards,

Dorothy



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ADDC President Newsletter – November 2013

Convention has come and gone! It was a wonderful experience and the West Virginia Club and Region I members are to be commended for a job well done. They provided us with educational opportunities, a host of dynamic keynote speakers and the opportunities to connect and network with fellow members. The hotel management and staff went above and beyond. They were friendly and took every opportunity to make sure we were taken care of.

Congratulation to the 2014 ADDC Officers elected at the Saturday business meeting. They are an outstanding group, and along with the seven Regional Directors, will lead this association with skill, commitment and enthusiasm.

President	Linda Rodgers
President Elect	Lori Landry
Vice President	Connie Harrison
Secretary	Barbara Ann Pappas
Treasurer	Maggi Franks

While the new website is still a work in progress, the highlights of the ADDC Pre-convention Board meeting will be emailed to the Club Presidents along with this letter, the RD’s letters and any available committee reports.

The public side of the new website is now up and running and the member’s only site should be available by the end of November. Wayne Ammons, K & E Computer Services has been working very hard to get it going as soon as possible. I hope you have had an opportunity to go online and view it. I think you will find it is user friendly and much easier to navigate.

2014 President Linda Rodgers, is working on a survey that will be coming out to members shortly. This is your opportunity to voice your thoughts and speak out on the direction you want to see our organization take. Your feedback is important to us and will guide the 2014 Board of Directors when they meet in January for Strategic Planning.

The Board will be making some changes to the ADDC Committee structure for 2014 based on the suggestions of the Long Range Planning Committee. Some of the LRP suggestions cannot be done immediately as they require bylaw changes, but those will be reviewed and presented to members next year.

One important change that all clubs need to be aware of affects the Contest and Winning Image Photo Committees. Please review the information presented this month on behalf of the Contest and WIPC committees in Judi Adam’s letter and the revised Contest attachments. Going forward, the photo contest will become a category of the AIMEEs. Please review the information for details.

As we begin winding up 2013, clubs will be holding their annual meetings and elections. Many of you have stepped forward to take on a leadership role in your club, your region or at the association level, and I can honestly tell you from experience that your contributions and efforts will be repaid tenfold. You are the backbone of this organization. Thank You.

Until next month....

Marilyn

Life is a journey, not a destination.

LOUISIANA'S OIL HERITAGE

"One Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words" is the saying. Recently I purchased a book titled, "Louisiana's Oil Heritage" by Dr. Tonja Koob Marking and Jennifer Snape. It is a pictorial book on the history of oil in Louisiana. If one picture is worth a thousand words, this book is worth "Millions."

One-hundred twenty-seven pages of captioned photos, covers five sections of the history. Acadian Louisiana, Northwest Louisiana, Coastal and Offshore Louisiana, Oil Transportation, and Life in the Camps and Celebrating the Oil Industry is a must viewing and read for anyone engaged in the industry or not. It is the perfect text book for Westbank Club members who plan to get an A+ at our next orientation program conducted by our resident "History Teacher," Jo Ann Brown.

It all started on September 21, 1901 when W. Scott Heywood of Beaumont, Texas brought in Louisiana's first successful oil well. It was on a Jennings rice field leased from Jules Clement. Heywood was working for S.A. Spencer and Company. The oil and gas exploration company was formed by a group of Jennings businessmen after hearing of the success of the Spindletop Oil Field in Texas and knowing of gas springs similar to those in an area just northeast of Jennings known as the Acadian Mamou Prairie.

This quote is from Heywood's autobiography describing the boom environment; "*Conglomeration of saloons, dance halls, honky-tonks, gambling houses, boarding houses, restaurants and lodging houses and all classes of people, with fights, murders and everything that usually goes on in a boom of that kind.*" This new industry not only brought mega work and prosperity to the families of the formerly agrarian-based economy but afforded opportunities to others outside of Jennings who wanted better living conditions for their families and educations for their children. Thus, as the influx of "out-of-towners" began. The workers, their families and business developers such as motels, restaurants and washatrias necessary to cater to their needs.

New oil companies formed. Businesses necessary to the safe and proper operation opened such as trucking, refineries, oilfield supply and distribution. All of this led to improvements to and new construction of roads, bridges, rail, boat and barge repair yards and port facilities. By the 1920's from offshore in the Gulf of Mexico to Caddo Parish in the far northern part of the state and from the east to the western borders of Louisiana, "oil fever" was pushing the mercury in the thermostat to peak degrees.

Fifty years later, September 21, 1951, the "old timers" and their achievements in the oil industry were honored by the town of Jennings with a Golden Jubilee Celebration. Every October since, this honoring has continued with Louisiana celebrating Oil Progress Week. Advertisements read "Oil is BORN in Louisiana," "In Petroleum's Progress Lies FUTURE," "Oil Increases Production on the Farm Front," Gordon's Drug Store announced "Oil - Prescription for Progress" and "Medicines and Pharmaceuticals Out of an Oil Well."

In a 1951 newspaper alongside such advertisements, articles appeared titled "*Petroleum Industry Is Most Democratic, Attracts Men from All Walks of Life.*" Another, by Humble Oil & Refining Company declared, "*The people of Louisiana know the story well: as home folks in the oil country, they share the oil industry's pride in supplying the resource that powers a major share of the country's industries, all its airplanes and automobiles, most of its ships and trains.*" It continued regarding the value of crude oil produced in Louisiana. "*This is not "boom money" Louisiana uses it to pay taxes, salaries and wages, it buys homes, groceries, light and heat, doctors collect a portion of it, landowners receive royalty and lease payments, a sizeable portion of it is reinvested in the future development of the state's oil resources.*" Sixty-two years later, both articles are still true, so true, not only to Louisiana but globally.

Now, let's toot our horns. Another saying, "Behind Every Successful Man Is A Woman!" From day one to the end of time this will be - with a twist. Since "We Have Come A Long Way Baby" another saying is emerging, "Behind Every Successful Woman Is A Man, A Family, A Friend and A Pet!" The women of Louisiana played a major part in the oil industry. In 1901 when it all started, the population of Jennings was about 1500. This number increased because of the "out-of-towners," the workers who brought their wives and families. Through the years those wives and families have evolved into workers in every aspect of the industry and related fields.

Enter our organization. During the 1951 Oil Progress Week, an announcement appeared in the *Lake Charles American Press*. It was Desk and Derrick Clubs announcing its newly formed association and board members. The announcement stated; *"Formed to give the working women of oil companies and associated firms better understanding of the oil industry."* At that time there were over 1500 members nationally. The programs and activities we do today were set in place back then, with individual clubs adding to their repertoire programs beneficial and necessary to the needs of their communities and clubs.

Our own Westbank Club has the honor of having three of our members serve as ADDC Presidents. 2011 was Angie Duplessis, 2012 was Judi Adams and 2000 was Theresa Adams. Yes, they are related. Judi is the half sister of Royal Adams and Theresa is his wife. Currently our club is working on another half sister of Roy, Gaylen Guillory, to become an ADDC President. When this happens they will be remembered in our awesome organization as **"The Adams F-a-m-i-l-y!"**

Festivals honoring the industry have become annual events throughout the state. Morgan City has the Shrimp and Petroleum Festival, Cameron the Fur and Wildlife Festival, Caddo Gusher Days, and for many years the Oilfield Chili Cookoff Contest started by a group of people engaged in businesses along the Harvey Canal. Museums honoring the industry are the Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum in Oil City, Caddo Parish, started by State Representative Roy Hopkins in conjunction with the International Petroleum Museum and Exposition in Morgan City. At this museum on March 17, 2012, through the efforts of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the "Mr. Charlie" landmark was dedicated. Most Desk and Derrick Region III Meeting and Convention attendees have had the privilege and opportunity to explore this part of our history. Over Mr. Charlie's lifetime in the Gulf of Mexico it drilled more than 2.3 million feet of wells. Now new technology has made Mr. Charlie "unemployable." This happened when offshore drilling went beyond its forty-foot drilling capabilities. However, it remains a viable teaching and training facility as well as a historical landmark.

One-hundred-eleven years later the oil and gas industry continues to exceed its own expectations. **"It Truly Has Come A Long Way Baby."**

I have been in the industry since as long as I can remember. My dad was a supervisor with Higgins Shipyard on the Industrial Canal in New Orleans East before, during and after the war. When Higgins closed its doors he retired. That did not last long. He was not ready. Great news for Wall Shipyard, the company my husband Charles and I owned on the Hero Cut in Plaquemines Parish. We needed a "Good Man." Well, so did others including our competitor and good friend Hunt Tool – Geosource Industries right up the Harvey Canal from us. Yes, you guessed it, the "Good Man" went to work for them. His reasoning, as he told it to Charles, "I love and respect you as a son-in-law and you love and respect me as a father-in-law" so with these feelings between us we will be the "Best of Friends in Business." And that is what they were, loving in-laws and best business friends, until my dad's passing a few years later.

I am very proud and fortunate to have been born into, raised in, worked in, being a member of Desk and Derrick, retired from and most importantly been a small part of the oil industry in Louisiana. I love being what we and others in the industry affectionally call ourselves - - "Oil Field Trash!" Yes, another saying, "The Treasure Is In The Trash."

As I sit finishing this article, I just realized three things. First, of all the petroleum related business and clubs, Desk and Derrick was one of a few mentioned in the book. Second and ironic, a few years after the book was published they were our guest speakers. And third, my fellow Louisiana Desk and Derrick Members and I are a part of the book -----US! **WE ARE LOUISIANA'S OIL HERITAGE!**

Bonnie R. Wall – September 2013
(Quotes and /or writings from book are italicized)

OMI Environmental Solutions Field Trip

On Friday October 11, 2013 at 9am OMIES (Oil Mop Incorporated Environmental Solutions) hosted a Field Trip for the Desk & Derrick Club of the Westbank. Eight members and guests were in attendance. OMIES is located at 1601 4th Street in Harvey, Louisiana. The Club was greeted by Paula Bowers, Manager of OMIES who escorted us to their conference room where she provided us with an insight of the company and provided us with a tour of their facility.

The mission of OMIES is to be the premiere environmental services company in the Gulf South by providing outstanding service to businesses, industries and governmental agencies. They have been in the oil spill response business for more than 40 years and have a world renowned reputation as one of the oldest oil spill response companies in the world. This company has assisted with the cleanup of some of the largest oil spills and disasters in our nation's history. With safety always first and foremost, they also offer safety compliance and training services online, onsite or offsite.

Oil Mop LLC recognized the need to expand the perception and services offered, therefore they rebranded to OMI Environmental Solutions (OMIES). With continued expansion, they not only offer oil spill response 24/7, but can respond with solutions for any type of spill or hazmat response situation 24/7, industrial services, standby rescue, waste management, disposal service, transportation service, safety-compliance training and environmental and safety products.

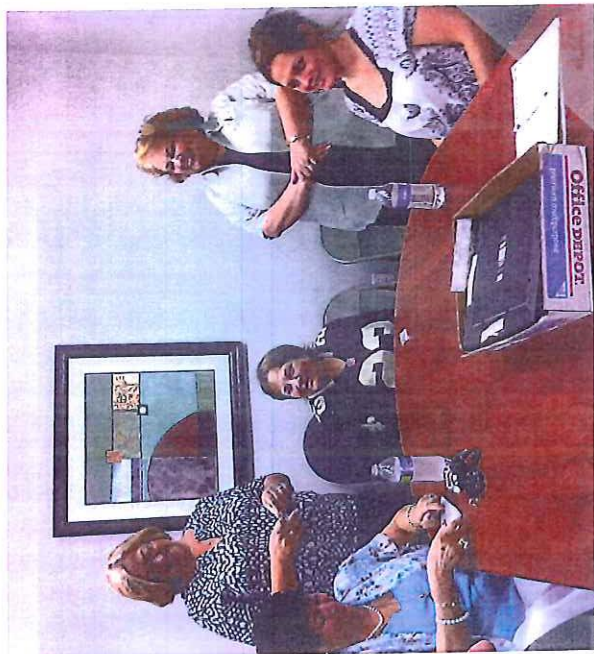
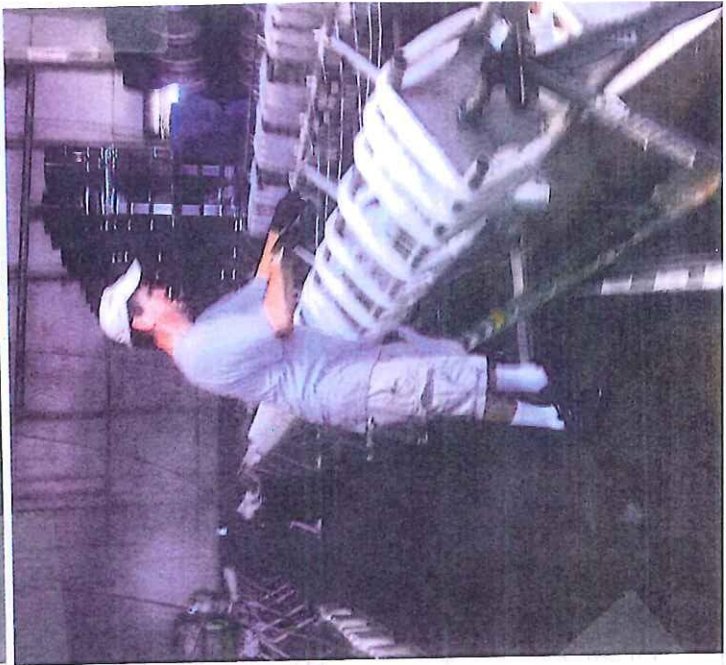
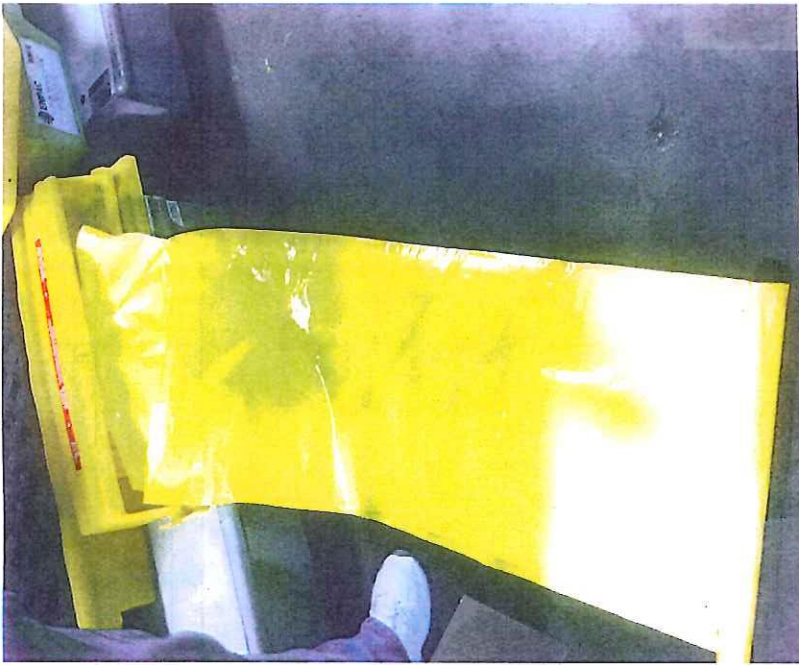
The most important asset for OMIES is their employees. They believe that each employee has the responsibility to make the safety of his or her co-workers, clients and the environment a top priority. This company will do everything reasonably possible to prevent injury or damage to people, property and the environment. OMIES strives to meet the customer needs and exceed their expectations.

Paula Bowers led the way for a tour of their warehouse along with Cliff Collins who is in charge of Business Development for OMIES. They have the largest warehouse supply for environmental response and run a very clean operation. We were shown how a Pom Pom is made, which is a product that is used to soak up heavy oils, it resembles a cheerleaders Pom Pom which is how it got its name. The Pom Pom has netting inside for the oil to adhere to and is an oil based product. This material is used along the rock and river battier and can also be strung along the beach where the actual wave action helps to mop up the oil. We were also shown the MK4, which is a rope mop unit that can pick up 500 barrels of oil per hour. This unit is connected to a vacuum truck and the dirtier the rope mop the better, oil attaches to oil and is recommended never to clean. Some offshore rigs may have the MK4 on their platforms, however twice the size, since this unit comes in different sizes. This actual unit can replace the labor and is great for safety reasons. The warehouse stocks lots and lots of drums which are used for different products. The drums are all shipped out according to ratings, such as, steel drums for liquids and plastic drums for dry products.

The majority of the oil that is collected from spills is recycled and also sold to refineries; the disposable drums are recycled as well. OMIES also makes custom made spill kits according to customer requirements and needs. A spill kit may contain gloves, tape, emergency banner, putty for plugging, brushes, hand tools, boots, goggles, ppe and oil spill equipment needed for clean up. Any of these products that would have a shelf life, if cannot be recycled, then is donated to the Red Cross or Second Harvesters.

At the end of the tour, we were all given bags filled with items that represent OMIES. All those in attendance also received pink safety glasses in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. OMIES was gracious enough to also provide us with light refreshments. We had a great time and it was a fabulous learning experience for all.

By: Cora Bergeron



Save the Date

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

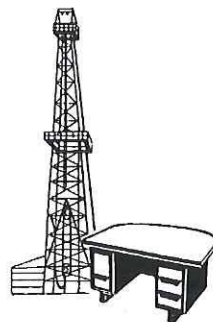
2015 ADDC Convention – Lubbock, TX
Overton Hotel
September 16-20, 2015

2016 ADDC Convention – Denver, CO
Crowne Plaza
September 21-24, 2016

Happy Birthday

Month of November

1 st	Elaine Lesnak
16 th	Denise Bourg
24 th	Kori Allemand



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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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