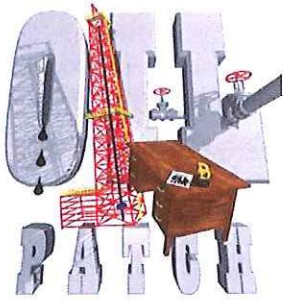


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Westbank Club President's Message

Dear Members,

Just returned from the Region III Meeting held in Baton Rouge, La. and had a good time. The Baton Rouge club did a really great job and Sharon presided over the meeting in a very professional manner. We were glad to see Association President Linda Rodgers, President-Elect Lori Landry, and Vice-President Connie Harrison at the Regional Meeting. It was good to see our members from the other clubs also. I know most of us have made long term friends with some of them.

I am excited about our 38th Birthday Celebration to be held this month on Wednesday, April 23rd at Boomtown Casino. Please try and attend this meeting and bring a guest so they can join and take advantage of what Desk & Derrick has to offer.

The social committee is planning a crawfish boil on Saturday, May 3rd so come and enjoy some social time with members and their families.

Several of our members are going through trying times right now so we need to encourage them and lift them up during this difficult period for them now.

I want to wish everyone a Happy and Joyous Easter!!

Susan

"Despite the forecast, live like it is spring." - Lily Pulitzer

Region III Director's Newsletter



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Sharon Blackwell

Region III Director

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April, 2014

Members of Region III,

Hello and welcome home from Region III Meeting in Baton Rouge to all of those who were able to attend. The Baton Rouge Club did a fantastic job this year. Please share with your home clubs your experiences and encourage them to make plans to attend next year. Stay tuned until the May newsletter for more Region III Meeting details. I am pleased to see the activities that each club in Region III has been involved in so far this year and I am looking forward to learning all of the of the exciting events, seminars, etc. that each club has planned for the rest of the year

Please begin, if you have not already done so, to make your plans to attend ADDC convention in Lafayette in September. ADDC Convention is such a huge learning experience that you will never forget.

In closing, I would like to encourage each member of Desk and Derrick to consider being a part of leadership for 2014. We still have 3 regional rep positions available. Go to the ADDC website and look into the information for each of the positions listed below:

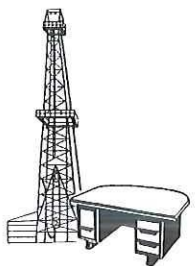
ADDC Manuals Review Committee, Long Range Planning Committee and Publications Committee

If you have any questions I will be happy to help you in any way I can.

Till Next Month

Sharon Blackwell

Quote of Month: "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Benjamin Franklin



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Spring forward, fall back. Each year we change the clocks, signifying the coming of a new season. This is a year of change in the Association as we move ever forward. We are embracing technology; we are reviewing our manuals and our procedures; and we are streamlining procedures throughout the ADDC.

We started with our first interactive survey, when we asked you – the members – for your opinions and suggestions. We then took those replies and formulated a strategic plan. Now we are implementing that plan. As I mentioned in last month’s letter, several ad-hoc committees have been established. The Leadership Development group, headed by Barbara Pappas, is creating a whirlwind of excitement. Not only is the group presenting a leadership quote of the week, Barbara and Christina Forth-Matthews have devised leadership guidelines for club presidents. In addition, the group has found several webinars on leadership that have been uploaded to the ADDC website.

The website has been a pet project of the Technology Committee. Maggi Franks, April Lang, Keith Atkins, Pam Berg, Andrea Pernell, and Andre Martin have revised, reorganized, and increased the marketability of the home page. There is a new Testimonial section. Currently, it contains testimonials from John White (Vice President of Valero Aviation), Paula Mace (1962 ADDC President), and Dixie Lee (1978 ADDC President), with more to follow. The Upcoming Energy Events section is likewise generating excitement. This corner lists various educational programs – free and tuition-based alike – offered across the country. Each is an education opportunity not to be missed.

Taking place in the background (but no less important) is a revision of all the committee manuals. If you have served on a committee in the recent past, you know that some of the manuals are quite out of date. Rena Shaffer and the Manuals Committee have charged all of the committees with revising and updating their manuals. This is a thankless but necessary task, for which I applaud Rena and her Committee.

As the RDs have mentioned in their letters, May 15th is the deadline to submit your TAXE1 form to Shelly Hildebrandt, Tax Exempt Chairman. Your club and region are also required to file the appropriate IRS 990 or 990EZ form (over \$50,000) or the 990N form (under \$50,000).

It is also time to think about where you are now and where you want to be next year. Nominating chairman, Angie Duplessis, has posted the nominating information and the deadline for nominations for the ADDC Board has been set at June 6, 2014. The Association is going through some very exciting times and if you have been waffling about running for a position on the Board, now might just be the time to take that next step.



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As you can see the volunteers who are manning our committees have been very busy in the first quarter of this year. A lot goes on behind the scenes in planning meetings, meeting deadlines, following procedures and getting the communication out to everyone. Please remember that we are all volunteers, and things sometimes do go wrong. Please be patient and lend a helping hand when you can.

The next two months will be filled with the excitement of the Regional Meetings and from what I have seen of the packages, they all offer exceptional, educational opportunities and great speakers. Be sure to take a look at the individual packages that are now posted and available. If you get the opportunity to travel to a meeting outside your Region, please take it.

As stated above, the Association is undergoing a transformation. I have outlined just a few of the changes happening now. As the seasons bring the promise of tomorrow, the ideas and goals of our members shape the future of the Association. You shape the future. In the near term, you will have an excellent opportunity to make your opinions known. Each of the upcoming regional meetings will have an open forum. You can help mold the Association into a vibrant, vital organization that recognizes its past while solidifying its future. President Elect Lori Landry will be recruiting committee members for 2015. Quoting Dixie Lee: "Get involved! Try it, you will like it."

Linda Rodgers

- Upcoming events:
- Region III Meeting – April 2-4
 - Region II Meeting – April 24 – 26
 - Region IV Meeting- April 24 – 26
 - Region V Meeting - April 24 – 26
 - Region VI Meeting - April 24 – 26
 - Region I Meeting – May 15- 18
 - Region VII Meeting – May 22-24

I learned that we can do anything, but we can't do everything...at least not all at the same time. So think of your priorities not in terms of what activities you do, but when you do them. Timing is everything. --Dan Millman

OMI ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS

By Bonnie R. Wall

You Need It – They Have It – Twenty-four Hours A Day – Seven Days A Week!

For everyday use or emergency use, thousands of environmental and safety products are ready to be delivered locally or worldwide from any of their fifteen offices in Louisiana and Texas. They still have equipment in Alaska at the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill site.

Started in 1972 in Harvey, Louisiana OMI was originally named Oil Mop, Incorporated. It manufactured mops and boom mops for use in picking up oil spills on land or in the water. Over the years, expanding their products and services the name was changed. Today it is a one stop shop housed in a fifty thousand square foot warehouse.

Its employees represent over five thousand years of experience, specializing in 24/7 oil spill response, 24/7 haz-mat response, industrial services, standby rescue, waste management and disposal, transportation services safety/compliance/training environ-industrial and safety products.

At all times pre-packed containers are loaded with necessary basic supplies that are known to be needed to handle oil spill and haz-mat responses. These containers are called “central supply.” Ready for immediate deployment, the materials are charged to the emergency as taken off the truck. Items in the “central supply” run the gambit of small to extra large equipment - flash lights, hard hats, safety glasses, gloves, vests, boots, clothing, batteries, ice chests, cleaning supplies, welding equipment, tools, mats, booms, kaddies and carts, specialty spill kits in small to 55 gallon drum, spill berms, sumps, spill decks and pallets just to mention a few.

As stated above, If You Need It, They Have It. Not only do they service the oil industry but local city, parish and state facilities, the coast guard, hospitals, and fire departments as well. What makes them unique in the solutions industry is that they are open to the general public to buy their products without a minimal amount. One of their new best selling products is the “Pelican Ice Chest.” It can hold ice for ten days. Here in the south this a major item to have year round in good times and bad times.

Who Owns Big Oil?

By Judi Adams

As a member of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs for 24 years and an employee in the energy and allied industries for 34 years, I have heard many disparaging remarks about the oil companies and how they are making billions of dollars of profits while “destroying the world” – or other such comments.

Well, guess what, if you have a pension fund, a mutual fund, or an IRA, YOU own BIG OIL!

Pension funds, the major institutional investors, manage assets of over 60 million American households, with an average account value under \$55,000. 31% of US oil and natural gas shares are owned by public or private pension plans.

Individual investors, who purchase small amounts of shares for personal investment portfolios, own 21% of US oil and natural gas shares.

Mutual funds, which are held by over 50 million American households with a median annual income of \$80,000 (2011 data), own nearly 21% of US oil and natural gas shares. These collective investments that pool money from many investors are controlled by asset management companies.

IRAs (Individual Retirement Accounts) comprise nearly 18% of ownership of US oil and gas industry share. Over 40 million American households own one – or more – IRAs.

Nearly 7% of the shares of oil and gas are owned by institutional investors, some of which may be endowments, foundations and non-governmental organizations.

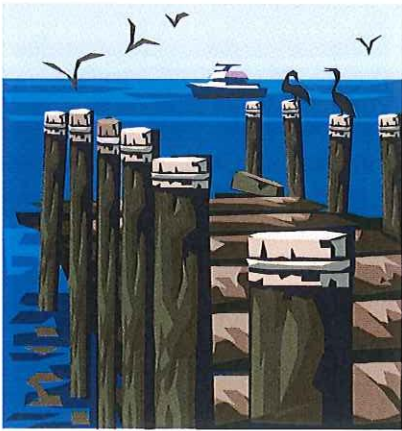
Despite general beliefs, the officers and board members of the US oil and natural gas companies own less than 3% of the shares.

Clearly, healthy earnings from the oil and natural gas industry are beneficial to millions of Americans. This is in addition to the contributions of the industry through federal and state revenues, jobs, and capital projects. It is estimated that over 9.2 million American jobs and 7.7% of US GDP are directly related to the oil and gas industry. This delivers over \$86 million PER DAY to the federal treasury.

Look online for more information at:

<http://www.energyfromshale.org/>; <http://www.energyanswered.org/>; <http://chooseenergy.org/>

Source: Sonecon consulting firm 2001 study (www.whoownsbigoil.org)



“Crawfish on the Bayou”

Desk & Derrick Club

Crawfish Boil

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014

TIME: Open NOON with food served@ 1:00 pm

MENU: BOILED CRAWFISH, CORN, POTATOES, AND SAUSAGE

**Water, Soft drinks & dessert included.
(BYOL is optional)**

**WHERE: DEBBIE AND EDDIE BRAZEAL’S HOME AT
4891 LISA ANN DRIVE, BARATARIA, LA 70036**

CONTACT INFO: Alice (504) 236-4058 or Debbie (504) 458-6557

*******Sign up sheet at the April Meeting*******



Save the Date

Bunco Party - MI – SWACO
August 9, 2014

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

2015 Region III Meeting-Bossier-Shreveport, LA
Hilton Garden-Homewood Suites
March 26-28, 2015

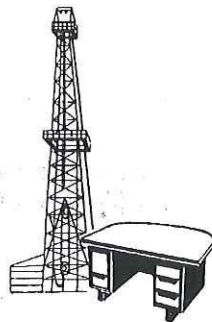
2015 ADDC Convention – Lubbock, TX
Overton Hotel
September 16-20, 2015

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

Happy Birthday

Month of April

3rd Dawn Goode
10th Dottie Ancona
12th Glenda Gaither
21st Sylvia Hohmann



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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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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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