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Westbank Club President's Message

"Like A Diamond – D & D Is Forever"
Communicate – Co-operate - Commitment - Confident

"January 2015 President's Letter"

"I'M BACK" and loving it. Thanks to the trust, confidence and support of the Westbank ladies in me I will be serving my second term as their President for the year 2015.

Just like a "perfect" diamond ring is a combination of a band of precious metal and a stone possessing the four "C's", I am confident that my Board and I, as its center stone and membership as its band, Westbank will have a "perfect" year. My logo is a diamond ring. My four "C's" theme is communicate, co-operate, commitment, and confident.

Individually and collectively the leaders of all D & D Clubs are "Adamas", the Greek word for diamonds. Their differences set them apart, together makes them unconquerable and indestructible. They come in all shapes (Princess, Oval, Pear, Emerald and Round.) They come from everywhere (India, Brazil, South Africa, and China) Louisiana, Texas, Canada, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Age wise, unlike the diamond which is approximately 3.3 billion years old, we go from young to young at heart.

My second term vision for Westbank Desk and Derrick is that it keep its perfect diamond status using the four "C's" it possess, its membership is cut from all aspects of oil and related industries, its membership has clarity in achieving its goals in education and community, its membership is like a box of colors, each color compliments the other and its membership's friendships are weightier than the world's largest diamond the Cullinan at 3106 carats.

Birthday Wishes to Debbie Brazeal and Robbye St. Pierre.

Westbank Desk and Derrick is just like a diamond, it is "FOREVER!"

Bonnie R. Wall

Region III Director's Newsletter

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My theme for this year is **MOTIVATION – DEDICATION – EDUCATION**. It is my goal to help the members of Region III become motivated towards keeping and recruiting members in their respective clubs. These new and regular members need to dedicate themselves to educating each other and the communities we live regarding the benefits of the energy industries and the companies that serve them. This will ensure our membership will grow which means so will the Association.

I thank Sharon Blackwell, 2014 Region III Director for the wonderful job she did last year despite the illnesses of her sweet husband Danny and herself. Her dedication to our Region will make it hard to follow in her footsteps but I will give it all that I can.

The ADDC Budget and Planning Meeting will be held in Tulsa, OK on January 16 and 17. Please send to me any thing you would like me to bring up to the Board for consideration or help with. Please send to me no later than January 12 so I can put it in my report.

Many of you have already signed on as a Region Representative but we are in need of two more to fill all the positions. Please consider taking on either the ADDC Manuals Review or Leadership Resources position. This can be a part of the learning process to help you become more familiar with the operations of the Association.

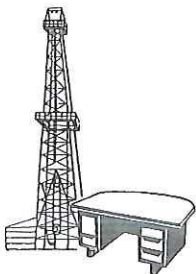
Congratulations to all the new presidents and officers on being elected to serve in 2015. Together we can make a difference. Please be sure the 2015 New Club Officers Form has been sent to ADO and to me.

Membership renewals will be out soon so please go over them for any changes that need to be made and get your dues in on time.

The 2015 Region III Meeting will be hosted by the Red River Club. The hotel site is the Hilton Garden Inn and Homewood Suites in Bossier City, LA on March 26 – 28, 2015. Convention will be held in Lubbock, TX at the Overton Hotel & Conference Center on September 15 – 19, 2015.

Programs Reports are very important to keep us in good standing with the IRS so be sure to file them within one week after your monthly meeting. Send to the Rep. Claudia Prather.

Please know that I will do all I can to be available to each of you. My role as Director is to be the liaison between the clubs and members of our region and the ADDC board.



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January, 2015

Happy New Year to the members of the Association! I would like to extend my warmest wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2015. I am truly honored to serve as your 2015 Association President and the 2015 Board of Directors are willing and ready to serve you, the members.

If you recall at the 2014 Convention, I challenged each of you to "Raise your Voice" and tell the story of the Association. The Energy Education that this Association values and projects are dynamic and should be shared. You can make a difference, you can inspire change and get your membership involved.

The 2015 Board of Directors is busy preparing for Budget and Planning meeting which will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma January 16-17, 2015. During our stay in Tulsa, we will approve the 2015 budget as well as review the plans and goals of the Committees. Feel free to contact your Regional Director, region representative, committee chair or any board member to share any ideas or concerns you may have. Remember, you are The Voice of this Association.

In 2014 as part of the strategic growth and development of our future, we hired Chris Edmonds from the Ken Blanchard group to guide the Board and assist with a strategic plan. We have, once again, engaged the services of Chris for the 2015 year as we continue with the development of our plan. In addition, we have hired Dave Stevens with the marketing firm of Stevens and Stevens to assist with the marketing of our Association. Stevens and Stevens is a marketing firm geared towards Associations and Non-Profits. Dave and his team are currently working to present a plan and ideas for future growth of our Association. We are very excited to hear what will be presented by Chris and Dave in the coming weeks. I look forward to sharing the information and ideas presented by Chris and Dave on to You the Members in order for you to incorporate those ideas into your Clubs and Regions.

Before you know it Regional Meetings will be well under way. Mark your calendars to attend your Regional Meeting and possibly attend a Regional Meeting outside of your own Region. Also, don't forget to mark your calendars to attend the 2015 ADDC Convention and Educational Conference being held September 15-19, 2015 in Lubbock, Texas. The members of Region V have been hard at work putting together a dynamic program of field trips, seminars and speakers.

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I would like to thank those members who have volunteered to chair a committee for 2015. In addition I would like to thank those members who have agreed to serve as a Regional Representative. Remember, it is not too late to volunteer to serve as a Regional Representative on any of these committees. Please contact your Regional Director and get involved! Volunteerism is the greatest gift you can give!

- Club Bylaws Review – April Lang
- Education – Jody Kuberskey
- Membership – Debi Baiamonte
- Program – Angie Duplessis
- Public Relations – Sharon Hiss/Diana Walker
- Rules – Val Williams
- Tax Exempt US – Keith Atkins
- Tax Exempt CDN – Brian Carter
- ADDC Manuals Review – Rena Shaffer
- Certification – Sheryl Minear
- Contest – Kathy Martin
- DDJ – Deb McCuller/Donna Hartig
- Leadership Resources – Barbara Pappas/Jan Bell
- Long Range Planning – Donna Taylor
- Nominating – Judi Adams
- Publications – Marilyn Carter/Maggi Franks
- Registrar – Mary T. Vaughan
- 2015 Convention GAC – Audra Horton/Rena Shaffer
- 2016 Convention GAC – Jerry Rasmussen/Elise Lorenz
- 2017 Convention GAC – Kathy Johnson

Please join me in extending many THANKS to 2014 ADDC President Linda Rodgers as she led our Association this year. Linda's contributions and leadership were truly appreciated not only by me but by the entire Association. I value your friendship and look forward to a fantastic 2015!

We begin 2015 with apprehension and excitement, but I know that with your support, enthusiasm and encouragement we can accomplish many great things!

Lori L. Landry
2015 ADDC President

308 MILES - A MILLION MEMORIES

By Bonnie R. Wall

Never would have guessed a 308 round trip could bring back so many wonderful memories. I was on my way to the 63rd Annual Desk and Derrick Convention September 24 – 28, 2014 in Lafayette, Louisiana. My route was Hwy 90, my favorite back road, from my home in Gretna and back turned into one of the most enjoyable long distance trips in my driving history.

Wednesday morning early, coffee in hand, settled into my seat, buckled up and put on the first of my many discs, one of my favorite singers Barry Manilow. I appeared with him on stage at the Superdome in 1985, another article for a later time. I thought it was going to be a very long drive, all alone, all by myself. This is a rare occurrence for me. Normally my van has at least two and as many as six on this type of venture.

First stop, Wally-World in Patterson/Berwick. Exiting via the plant department there was a huge sale, which is when the first memory came to mind. Returning from Webster, Texas after a visit with plant lovers Sister Jackie and Cousin Betty to her daughter and grand daughters and who I refer to as “My Babies,” the remaining space left in back of van was filled with twenty trays of plants. Only place left for the three flats of strawberries just outside of Boute was Betty’s lap. Leaving the parking lot, back on the road again, memories of many past trips on Hwy 90 started running non-stop through my mind.

I rejoined the Westbank club on June 4, 2014. On Sunday, April 22, 2007 this route took me to Lafayette which was the first stop on a two convention adventure. Timing was perfect. From Sunday to Thursday attended convention with the Jefferson Volunteers for Family and Community (JVFC), nee The Homemakers. After breakfast I got back on Hwy 90 headed back East to Desk and Derrick’s Region III Meeting in Morgan City, La. until Sunday.

I arrived a little late for the start of the “Tap Your Feet to the Beat of Learning and Friendship.” The field trip were to Morgan City Rentals, Sewart Supply, International Petroleum Museum & Exploration, The “Mr. Charlie,” lunch at Sewart and then down town shopping and optional tour to the Cypress and/or Mardi Gras Museum. Transportation was sponsored by the Red River Desk and Derrick Club all for a cost of, hope you are sitting down when you read this, “\$10.00.” Missed morning tour but arrived just in time to have late lunch hosted by Sewart Supply. The ladies were touring the facility and I was served lunch by Sewart’s president who knew my husband Charles. After the tour, ladies boarded the bus for the Downtown portion of field trip. I followed in my car.

I felt like a Queen, not only had a private lunch and visit with president of Sewart, but I had my own personal tour guide of Morgan City, Judi Adams. A double guided tour – the town highlights with personal insight since she was born there.

Back to Holiday Inn and into the room I shared with Dawn Ott, now Dawn Ott Goode, and the first of many room sharings through the years.

Thursday night was the Bunko Party. No, I did not get the roll of the dice that would have made me Queen of the game nor did I win one of the three prizes. Called Angie Duplessis she didn’t remember either. She and hubby Leon graciously did the beer and wine part of the Bunko.

Friday morning after breakfast attended the two seminars, The Power of Power Point by Judi Adams and The ROV Familiarization by Larry Mixon of Oceaneering International. The afternoon was free. The Friday night social extravaganza was at Perry Flying Center, Inc. Hangar in Patterson, La. Of what a time all had, rocking to the beat of DJ “Duce” Dwan, karaoke and to the delight of everyone a helicopter ride. Hope you are still sitting, all for cost of \$20.00.

Saturday was the business meeting for the 112 registrants from Baton Rouge, El Dorado, Houma, Lafayette, Laurel, Morgan City, New Orleans, Red River, Westbank and out of region (Canada) Brian and Marilyn Carter. Marilyn was the Region VII Director. The balance of afternoon was for more socializing with fellow club members from all around the region and getting ready for the club pictures prior to the banquet.

Our Westbank member Angie Duplessis was installed as Region III Director for 2008. In time she did our club, her friends, family, and herself proud and becoming the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs President in 2011.

Truly is a small world, Angie’s guests the night of her installation in Morgan City, Uncle Mark, Aunt Rose and Aunt Rita were people I was acquainted with many years before ever meeting Angie. The youngest of the three aunts, Lillian, was the best friend of our assistant office manager, Charlene.

Even smaller world, Vonette Edwards, who in 1967 help start the Westbank Club was employed by us also, hence my first membership in Desk and Derrick.

Growing up in the oil industry I have many wonderful memories and some of the best are my times with Desk and Derrick.

Stay tuned, I just might make a series of my “MILLION MEMORIES!” Hmmm! It’s early, yes, think I will start the next in my series of Hwy 90 trips related to Desk and Derrick. It will be Region III’s meeting in Houma April 21st to the 25th, 2010. Dorothy Dishman and her group put on another spectacular conference. Know this brings back a great memory to an Arkansas member. How about it Keith? The first time you ever got to walk a “female” alligator on a leash. What an adventure!

FROM THE SIDELINE TO THE FIELD FROM THE DESK TO A PLATFORM

Presented by: Jo Ann Brown Orientation Program 2014

I would like to start our Orientation Program tonight by welcoming you to changes that are already taking place and what is in the future.

We all know Desk & Derrick is a unique organization in that it affords us the opportunity to educate ourselves. This is only one of the many educational programs you will be given to enable you to achieve in every aspect of your life, both personal and professional. The Westbank Club has so many seasoned members you should not have any problems answering the questions. Most of the questions are discussed at our monthly membership meeting through out the year.

I don't know how many of you watch football, but in 2012 Shannon Eastin became the first woman to officiate a NFL game. There are many women trying out with clubs for different position on teams. Now how would you like to be hit by a 300lb. guy? Not very pleasant! Myself, I would rather be on the sideline and not the field in play.

This past week I received an article from Charles Miller regarding "The world of roughnecks presents "The softer Side." Because oil and service companies are facing baby boomer retirements, there will be a growing need to fill the gap. I printed this picture to show what you will see in the future to come what will be gift items at job fairs and conferences. Oil and service companies will be going to college campuses and women's professional groups to attract women to the industry.

As you can see there are big changes in the future.

Now let's do the fun part. Each member present will be asked to take a candy sucker with a card and answer the question. Please no help from the audience. If you can't answer the question; in order for you to keep your sucker, we will ask you to tell us little about yourself and why you joined Desk & Derrick.

I hope this program has enlightened you. In this short period of time, we have just scratched the surface. There is a wealth and educational materials available to you from the Association (ADDC.org) and the Westbank website (westbankdandd.org). Just ask.

Thank you for participating.

Westbank material to be submitted to the ADDC Contest Committee:

- Best Small Bulletin – July Westbank Oil Patch, Editor – Angie Duplessis
- Best Industry Article – OMI, by Bonnie Wall
- Best President’s Letter – The Power of the Pyramids, March 2014, President Susan Miller
- Best D&D Article – What Desk & Derrick Means to Me, by Vera Ledet
- Best Industry Program – Acme Truck Line, Speaker-Mitch Couvillion; Coordinator- Bonnie Wall
- Best Desk and Derrick Program – How Sweet is Desk & Derrick? Speaker – JoAnn Brown; Coordinator – Bonnie Wall
- Best Industry Seminar – No Entry
- Best Industry Field Trip – The World’s Largest Pumping Station, Speakers – John Monzon and Susan Maclay; Coordinator/Author – Bonnie Wall/Dottie Ancona
- Best Industry Photograph – The Nuts and Bolts of a Pumping Station, Photographer – Dawn Goode

2015 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND BOARD CONTACTS

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	BOARD CONTACT
AIMEE	JUDI ADAMS	Theresa Adams
BULLETIN / WEB	ANGIE DUPLESSIS	SELF
BYLAWS / HANDBOOK	JO ANN BROWN	Theresa Adams
FINANCE	DOTTIE ANCONA/SUSAN MILLER	Susan Miller
GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS	ELAINE LESNAK	Gaylen Guillory
MEMBERSHIP/ORIENTATION	JO ANN BROWN	Bonnie Wall
PROGRAM/IAN	GAYLEN GUILLORY	SELF
SCHOLARSHIP	GAYLEN GUILLORY	SELF

2015 Meeting Dates

BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
JANUARY 21, 2015	JANUARY 28, 2015
FEBRUARY 18, 2015	FEBRUARY 25, 2015
MARCH 11, 2015*	MARCH 18, 2015*
APRIL 15, 2015	APRIL 22, 2015
MAY 20, 2015	MAY 27, 2015
JUNE 17, 2015	JUNE 24, 2015
NO MEETING IN JULY	
AUGUST 19, 2015	AUGUST 26, 2015
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 **	SEPTEMBER 23, 2015
OCTOBER 21, 2015	OCTOBER 28, 2015
NOVEMBER 11, 2015 ***	NOVEMBER 18, 2015 ***
DECEMBER 9, 2015 ***	DECEMBER 16, 2015 ***

*Move up due to Regional March 25-28

**Move up due to Convention September 16-20

***Move up due to Thanksgiving/Christmas

Save the Date

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

2017 ADDC Convention - San Antonio, TX
St. Anthony Hotel
September 19-24, 2017

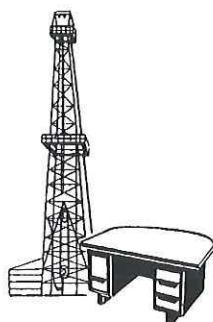
Happy Birthday

January

14th Debbie Brazeal
27th Robbye St. Pierre

February

13th Zelda Gillan
17th Linda Belsome



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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

Is the official monthly publication of the Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank. Articles or editorials posted in this newsletter represent the personal opinions of the authors and do not represent the views or opinions of the ADDC organization.

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