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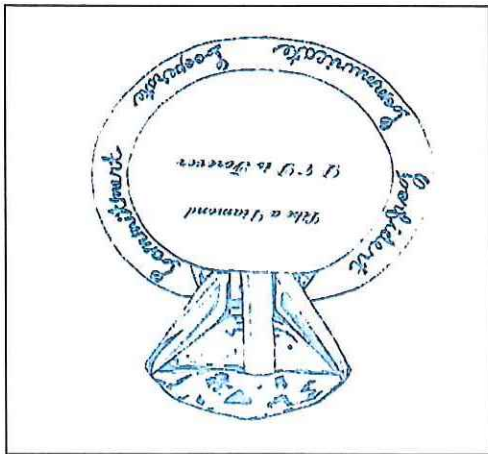
"June Is Busting Out All Over!" Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. Time to kick back, slow down and most of all relax. After all, that is what summer is for.

How wonderful it would be if WE all could take the whole month of June to do just that? However, since that is not possible, we have the "flawless" opportunity to pick from, like a full carat diamond, any one of its four quarters to relax.

After Westbank's June IAN/Scholarship meeting, we will host a Painting With a Twist social. July is the quarter we choose to take off doing official business and do a fun filled day - field trip, dining and craft making function along side of Bayou Baratara in Lafitte. August, the third quarter of our carat, will have us back to business and continuing to work on our recruitment of new members, using the meal reimbursement program suggested by ADDC Membership Committee, at our Meet-N-Greet luncheon at Acme Truck Line in Gretna. September begins the polishing on the fourth quarter of our "full carat." We will be busy making sure that the "facets" of our remaining mandatory activities are met according to the rules set by the ADDC guidelines, doing our community projects and more socializing.

Birthdays to Edna Guccione, the 13th is her special day. She shares it with the "First" First Lady of the United States, Martha Washington born in 1731. On this day in 1865 the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, which represents the final end of slavery, was signed and made the 13th day of June officially known as "Juneteenth."

Westbank President's Letter





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JULY 2015

To the clubs that are not having a monthly meeting this summer, please remember you still need to fill out the program report form and send it in for that month. This will help us stay in compliance with the Association.

The Nominating Committee is looking for nominees, you can check for the deadline on website.

The deadline date for the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) and Special Achievement Award (SAA) is July 15, 2015. Please consider nominating someone for these prestigious positions.

2016 ADDC President Connie Harrison is in search for members to sign on to take a committee chairman or region representative to hold one of those positions. I sent each of the club presidents a chart that shows which positions are open. It is very important that we all do our part in keeping the Association going.

Convention is coming up quickly! Please make plans to attend. There is a large selection of places to go and seminars to attend.

Convention in Lubbock, TX Sept. 16 - 20, 2015 has so much to offer, full day field trips to Palo Duro Canyon and the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, Oxy CO2 Recover Plant and Llano Estacado Winery, Sweetwater, BNSF Energy Rail Park and WASO WWII Museum and the Terry Fuller Petroleum Engineering Research Building, the Silent Wings Museum and Berg Studios. Half Day Field Trips like Geosciences Department on the Texas Tech Campus and the National Ranching Heritage Center, along with Museum of Texas Tech University and the National Wind Institute.

Many seminars to choose from and the Certification course offered is on Geology. These are just some of the events to be taken advantage of for the \$200.00 registration fee. Rooms available at the Overton Hotel, for rooms call (806)776-7000. Visit the ADDC website www.addc.org for updates and information on the sights, activities and please register now.

Please send articles and pictures to the DDJ to share with members throughout the Association.

The website has brochures available to encourage those reading them to take advantage of all that ADDC has to offer. These can be found on the website. Hand them out whenever you get the opportunity.

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July, 2015

As we approach the second half of 2015 and the summer months of vacations, staycations and the like, in addition to some Clubs that take the summer off, we must not let our passion for ADDC waiver. Let's all continue the drive to increase our membership and spread the word!

With that said, I am happy to report that the New ADDC Prospective Member Brochures and the New ADDC Company Brochure are printed and available at ADO. With the assistance of Stevens and Stevens, your Board has done a phenomenal job of producing two outstanding brochures. Please contact Andre Martin and he will be happy to send your Club any quantity you may need.

The new and improved ADDC website is very close to completion and I can't wait to see us go live with all of the improvements!

The 2015 Nominating Committee has worked very hard this year and I am happy to present the nominees for the slate of officers for 2016:

- President-Elect: Maggi Franks
- Vice-President: Christina Forth-Matthews
- Secretary: Penny Jacobs
 Terry Ligon
- Treasurer: No Nominations

As you can see, we did not receive any nominations for the office of Treasurer. If you are interested in being nominated from the floor at Convention and meet the qualifications for this office, please contact Judi Adams, Nominating Chair.

The Certification Committee has prepared an educational and enlightening PowerPoint about the Certification Program. Visit the ADDC website to view the PowerPoint and consider presenting it at your next monthly meeting in addition to any Trade Shows your Club may be participating in.

Connie Harrison, 2015 President-Elect, is currently seeking volunteers to Chair or be Regional Representatives for the 2016 year. Please consider stepping up and lending a hand by volunteering. You gain so much knowledge about the Committee and the Association when you volunteer.

Have you sent in your registration for Convention? The deadline for the \$200 registration fee is July 31, 2015. After July 31st, the registration fee goes up; so why not send in yours to beat the deadline? Also, don't forget to order your Convention T-shirt. The order forms are available on the ADDC website.

The ADDC Survey is currently available for your participation. You may complete the survey by visiting: <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/addc-2015-membership-survey/>

Lori Landry

Warren Abadie

17 February, 2015

Essay for:

Desk and Derrick Club Scholarship

The Spark

Every fire begins with a spark. The energy needed to initiate it is contained within the spark. This minuscule, insignificant inkling of energy and a little bit of fuel is all that it takes to create the beautiful, bold, blazing reaction that we know as fire. It is like life in a way. Two diminutive cells come together and with time as their fuel, engineer themselves into something incredible: a person. And just like a fire, every person goes through stages in their life: the spark, ignition, kindling, a cycle of combustion and burnout, and finally, ash. But every fire must also have a good foundation with just the right strong and weak points to be sustained. Wood is an excellent foundation. Its lignin matrix makes it strong and sturdy and its cellulose chains make it soft and sweet. Just like our parents, who build the foundation. Just like my parents, who lit my spark and ignited my life. Just like my parents and my teachers, who kindled my small flame with loving care and knowledge so I could combust into a towering, bright, brilliant inferno. An inferno that is ready to reach peak temperature again after the kindling has lessened and nearly ended. Three years ago, my father stopped kindling my flame because he could no longer fuel it. His own flame, unstable, yet warm and musical, burned out. The crackling sounds of his drumming would never be heard again, and the great steam bellows of his voice were silenced. He became ash, whose presence in my home next to an old picture of us together is a permanent reminder of the last time my flame had been at its hottest and brightest. His loss to the poisons of this world brought about a flood of my tears upon my own flame. I was starting to burn out. My sophomore year grades took a turn for the worst and I failed Algebra II. However, with the support of family, friends, teachers, and my doctors, I was able to rekindle my flame and pull up my other grades and receive a high grade in summer school for Algebra II and stay at the school where I truly belonged, Patrick Taylor. My grades are about where they were before my father passed on, and I challenge myself and add more fuel to my fire with challenging courses, mainly mathematics and sciences. And with this education, I want to shoot up into the sky like a rocket with its fiery trail of glory by pursuing my dream to be a surgeon with a major in biomedical engineering. To realize my goal of giving another chance to those in need and giving their flames the fuel and strength to burn longer, cleaner, and stronger. From veterans to diabetics and elderly to disabled children, I want to provide a new hope for the daunted souls who thought they would never walk again. Who thought they'd never speak again. Who feared they would never feel the warmth of a loved one's embrace again. I want to leave a mark on this world before I turn to ash. I want to leave a legacy in the history books made from the trees that my ashes will someday help to grow, and thus the cycle will continue as I shed my sparks upon the logs of success.

Avondale Shipyards

Avondale Shipyards was founded in 1938 as Avondale Marine Ways, in Westwego LA, on the west bank of the Mississippi river in New Orleans. The original owners were James Viavant, Harry Koch and Perry Ellis. Initially the yard built barges and a few tugs but when the war effort started, it expanded to build large tugs and small cargo ships for the U.S. Maritime Commission. After the war, it expanded to its present site and also to a repair yard on the Harvey Canal. In May 1959, the original owners sold it to Ogden Corporation for \$14 million and it became Avondale Shipyards Inc. as of July 1st, 1960. In 1985 Ogden sold it, together with a number of other Ogden interests, to an ESOP called Connell Partnership and the new group became Avondale Industries. It also started construction of oil rig platforms, derrick barges, tankers and oilers. In 1987 the shipyard was spun off from the rest of the group as Avondale Industries. The new company was then publicly traded until it was acquired by Litton Industries in 1999 and became Litton Ship Systems, Avondale Operations. Litton was itself acquired by Northrop Grumman in 2001 and Avondale was integrated with Ingalls and became formally known as Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Avondale Operations. In January 2008, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems was integrated with Newport News as part of Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding. In July 2010, Northrop Grumman announced its intention to close Avondale after it completed LPD 25, which was expected to be in late 2013. In 2011, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding was spun off as Huntington Ingalls Industries, (HII), which confirmed the decision to close the yard after it completed LPD 25. In October 2013, LPD 25 was delivered and the yard was renamed Avondale Engineering and Construction: HII is trying to find commercial non-marine work for it.

Over the years, Avondale also operated several small yards. Their original yard, Avondale Marine Ways, in Westwego, closed in 1963 but was reopened in 1988 as the Avondale Boats Division and is still part of the organization, although no longer active in boatbuilding. This yard also encompassed an entity called Safticraft, which built steel launches for both commercial and recreational uses: it was sold in 1951. The original repair yard, Harvey Quick Repair, was sold to Bollinger in 1994. In 1987, Avondale took over Todd Shipyards' repair yard in Algiers LA, and operated it as Avondale Ship Repair: it closed in 2004. Another small yard, known as the Bayou Black Division, was opened in the late 1960s, in Morgan City LA: it closed in the mid-1970s. A Hovercraft Division was established in 1985, in Gulfport MS, to build air cushion landing craft, (LCACs) for the Navy: it closed in 1993. Finally, a Composites Manufacturing Division was established in 1990, also in Gulfport MS, to build mine hunters, (MHCs) for the Navy: it became Northrop Grumman's Composites Manufacturing Division and closed in 2014.

Avondale's hull numbers reached 2500, because most of its output was barges (including over 1000 LASH barges) and small vessels. Boats and barges built by Avondale Marine Ways, in Westwego, were given numbers in the same series as the main yard, but when it was revived in 1988 as Avondale's Boats division, the boats built there were given a new series of numbers.

Our speaker for May discussed a museum in Westwego to hold all the archives and memorabilia from the time frame of 1938-1999 when Avondale Shipyards was in operations.

Submitted by: Susan Miller – Program Co-Chairman

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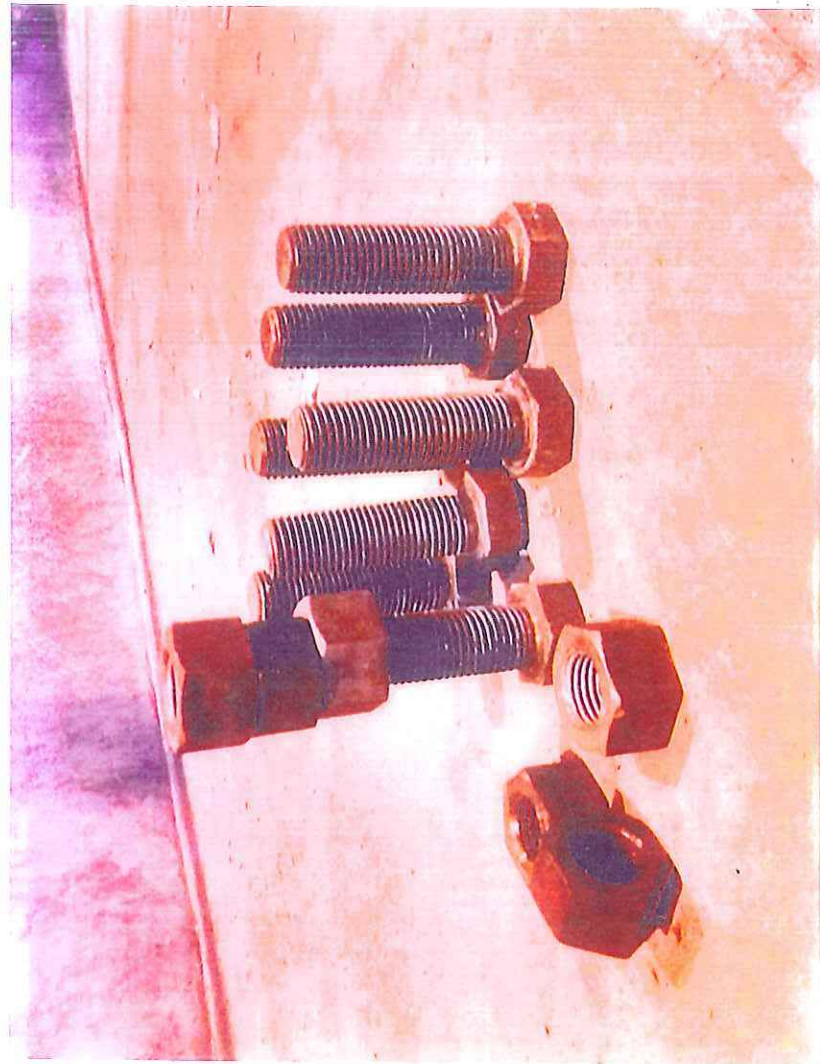
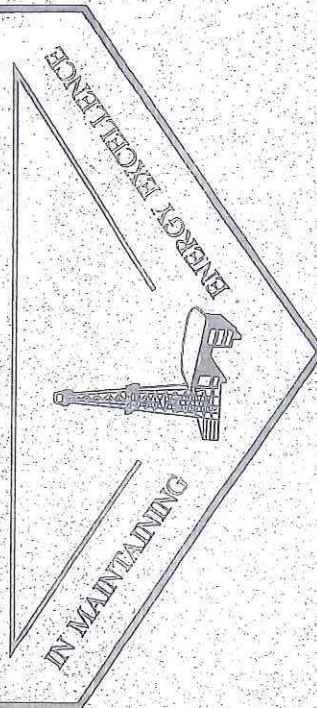
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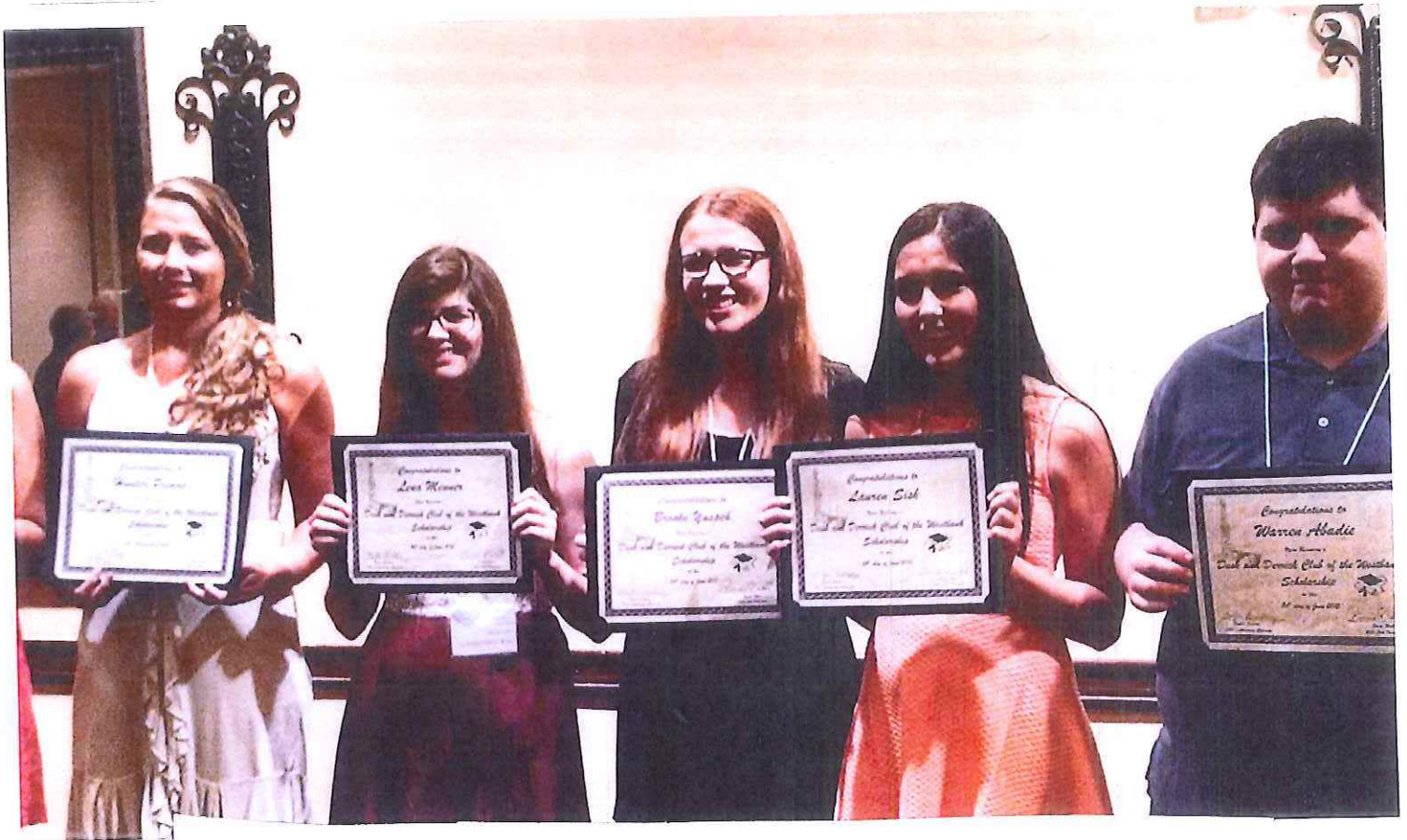


May Crawfish Boil



Scholarship Recipients

Left to right: Hunter Picard-ULL, Lena Menner-SLU, Brooke Yuspeh-Tulane, Lauren Sisk-Thomas Jefferson High School, and Warren Abadie-Patrick Taylor Science & Technology Academy



Painting with a Twist Blue Dog Social



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Bunco Fundraiser- MI Swaco
August 8, 2015

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

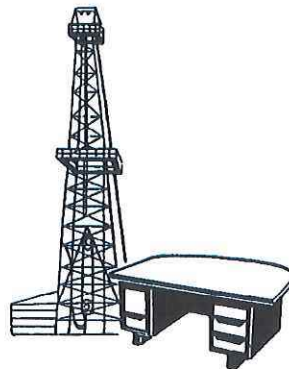
2016 Region III Meeting - Morgan City, LA
Holiday Inn
April 21-23, 2016

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

Month of May
5th Pam Lauckner

Month of June
13th Edna Guccione

Month of July
2nd Jo Ann Brown
4th Susan Miller
26th Charles Miler



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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.

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