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Westbank President's Letter

Members,

The Ides of March is upon us. March 15th was a turning point in Roman history, it is also for Westbank – three and a half months into our year.

Like the many facets that make up the beauty of a diamond, many things have happened in our club and everyday lives that were beautiful. "Communication" with guest speakers at our January and February meeting and again at the upcoming March meeting and the numerous celebration days – New Years, Mardi Gras, Martin Luther King, Groundhog, Lincoln and Washington's Birthday, Ash Wednesday, President's Day here in the U.S. and in our friend Marilyn Carter's country Canada Family Day, Chinese New Year Began, and Day Light Savings Time Began. Time really does fly when having fun.

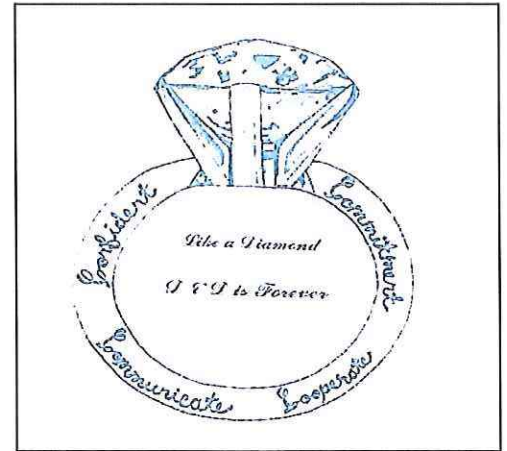
Diamonds are a thing of beauty and timeless which reminds me to remind you that you have less time than you think to make your plans to attend Region III in Bossier.

The Red River Club has "Committed" to making it one of the best, so let's be "Considerate" and get our packets in early. It is on the web site. As you all know, when Westbank goes we go all out. Plans are already in the works for Friday fun night costumes. If Sista is going to make yours she needs to know. She claims not to be a seamstress but any costume she makes will fit any shape – round, oval, pear, and even heart shaped.

Another little reminder – just seven short months until the Christmas cards are due back. Vera is busy collecting for the food bank's Easter rush. Jim and Gab are busy helping with the month meeting for the Society of Professional Engineers (SPE). They are the group that gave us a large donation towards our 2015 scholarship awards. Gaylen Guillory and her committee are in the process evaluating applicants for distribution in June.

Birthday wishes to Cora Bergeron, Vera Ledet, and Sigrid Vedros.

Bonnie R. Wall



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April 2015

The Red River Club and I want to thank all you who attended the Region III Meeting held March 26 - 28, 2015 for attending and participating. We are proud our region was the first to hold a successful Certification course on drilling. Two field trips and four seminars were available to registrants to extend their education. Our speakers Lori Landry, 2015 ADDC President and Dolores Hydock, story teller were fantastic. We had all that and a wonderful Meet and Greet on Thursday along with a fun-filled carnival for relaxation on Friday night. It was a huge success. Great big thanks to all of our out-of-town registrants, some from as far away as Canada!

Remember, if your club is in need of an educational program, check out the video library. The ADDC Foundation will gladly accept any donations so they can continue to improve and add to the video library.

What did your club do to promote D&D Awareness Month in March? The Morgan City Club took a picture with two of our local mayors signing the proclamation. The picture and article was printed in the local newspaper. A small thing, but it keeps us in the public eye.

Club Treasurers don't forget to file the ADDC Form TAXE 1 IRS Form 990. The form can be located on the website and downloaded for use. In order for our clubs to fall under the exempt status these must be filed on time. The deadline is May 15th for filing. It won't be long now before you all see some of the changes happening on the website. I am so anxious to see what they have done! It will definitely catch the attention of visitors to the website regarding our Association.

Convention in Lubbock, Texas will be here before we know it so be sure to make time and start planning for educational opportunities. Visit the website for more information on the field trips and seminars that will be offered. Convention dates are September 16-20, 2015. So make plans to attend and stay at the Overton Hotel in Lubbock, Texas for the 64th Annual ADDC Convention and Educational Conference.

Nominations for ADDC Officers is in full swing so please consider taking the next step up to another learning experience. The deadline date is June 5, 2015.

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April, 2015

As we Spring forward and fall back, let's continue to MOVE forward and NOT look back! New and innovative ideas and changes are coming your way and the Association is primed to move forward!

As mentioned in my March, 2015 Letter, the Strategic Planner and Marketing Firm have offered outstanding ideas and assistance to the Association. The new ADDC brochure "How ADDC Helps Your Career, Company and Community" has been completed and draft prints will be available for viewing at your respective Region Meetings. We will advise all of you when the final printed form is available for request from ADO. The next brochure "How ADDC Helps Your Company" is currently in the works and we hope will be available very soon. Exciting times, exciting times!

Region Meetings are currently underway and I hope all of you are making plans to attend your respective Region Meetings and possibly a Meeting outside of your Region. All of the Region Meeting Packets are currently on the ADDC website. Take a look and experience the wonderful educational and networking opportunities offered by each Region.

All of the Club Presidents have received the Proposed Bylaw Amendments and they are also available on the ADDC website. There are 8 proposed amendments and you will have an opportunity to discuss at Open Forum of your respective Region Meetings as well as at your regular monthly meetings and come to Convention informed and educated.

It is with great sadness that I must report that the Houma, Little Egypt and Tyler Clubs have disbanded and that the Ardmore and SE Saskatchewan have advised that they will be disbanding as well. Some of the members of those Clubs have transferred to other Clubs and hope that many more will as well. On the upside, we have a proposed new Club in Meadville, PA; Oil Heritage Desk and Derrick Club, who is in the process of having all of their paperwork approved to receive their official Charter.

Just another reminder that all clubs must submit a TAXE 1 - 2 form to Keith Atkins, US Tax Exempt Committee Chairman. The form can be found on the website and the deadline to submit the form is May 15, 2015.

Nominating chairman, Judi Adams, has posted the nominating information for the 2016 ADDC Board and the deadline for nominations has been set at June 5,

2015. The tide is turning for the Association and we have a tremendous pool of talented members who are more than qualified to be a part of the ADDC Board. Let's keep the momentum going and consider taking the next step.

Don't forget to download your 2015 ADDC Convention and Educational Conference Registration Packet from the ADDC Website and get your registrations in today!

Lori Landry

Upcoming Events:

- Region IV Meeting, San Antonio, TX April 8 - 12
- Region II Meeting, Louisville, KY April 23 - 26
- Region V Meeting, Artesia, NM April 23 - 26
- Region VI Meeting, Norman, OK April 23 - 26
- Region I Meeting, Wheeling, WV May 14 - 17
- Region VII Meeting, Regina, Saskatchewan May 20 -- 24

Core Samples- Not Just Rocks

A core sample is a cylindrical section of a naturally occurring substance. Most core samples are obtained by drilling with special drills into the substance, with a hollow-steel tube called a core drill. The hole made for the core sample is called the "core hole". Core samplers are varied for use in different conditions.

Core samples can be taken to test the properties of manmade materials, such as concrete, ceramics, some metals and alloys, especially the softer ones. Core samples can also be taken of living things, including human beings, especially of a person's bones for microscopic examination to help diagnose diseases.

The composition of the subject materials can vary from almost liquid to the strongest materials found in nature or technology, and the location of the subject materials can vary from on the laboratory bench to thousands of feet under the Earth's surface. The range of equipment and techniques applied to the task is great. Core samples are most often taken with their long axis oriented parallel to the axis of a borehole, or parallel to the gravity field for the gravity-driven tools. However it is also possible to take core samples from the wall of an existing borehole.

Some common techniques include:

- *gravity coring*, in which the core sampler is dropped into the sample, usually the bed of a water body, but essentially the same technique can also be done on soft materials on land. The sample is obtained simply by the penetration force entering the earth.
- *vibracoring*, in which the sampler is vibrated to allow penetration.
- *drilling* where a rotating annular tool backed up by a cylindrical core sample storage device is pressed against the subject materials to cut out a cylinder of the subject material.
- *percussion sidewall coring* uses robust cylindrical "bullets" explosively propelled into the wall of a borehole to retrieve a (relatively) small, short core sample.
- *rotary sidewall coring* where a miniaturized automated rotary drilling tool is applied to the side of the borehole to cut a sample similar in size to a percussion sidewall core.

For geological exploration, core samples are extremely useful. Before investing in setting up oil wells or exploring for materials like precious stones and metals, companies want to know if a site will be productive.

Coring has come to be recognized as an important source of data, and more attention and care is being provided to prevent damage to the core during transportation and analysis. The usual way to do this is to freeze the core completely using liquid nitrogen, which is cheaply sourced. In some cases, special polymers are also used to preserve and seat/cushion the core from damage.

Equally, a core sample which cannot be related to its context (where it was before it became a core sample) has lost much of its benefit. The identification of the borehole, and the position and orientation of the core in the borehole is critical, even if the borehole is in a tree trunk -dendrochronologists always try to include a bark surface in their samples so that the date of most-recent growth of the tree can be unambiguously determined.

It is common practice to "slab" core samples - cut the sample into two or more samples longitudinally - quite early in laboratory processing so that one set of samples can be archived early in the analysis sequence as a protection against errors in processing. "Slabbing" also has the benefit of preparing a flat, smooth surface for examination and testing.

Several scientific institutions maintain libraries of core samples, including ice samples, samples from trees, and so forth. These can be very useful references. Researchers may use them to compare and contrast the characteristics of various materials. Storage facilities have excellent climate control and inventory management systems to make sure samples stay in good condition while preventing sample mix-ups. They may also have investigational facilities to allow researchers to take images or withdraw sections of a core sample for analysis under microscopes, and/or engage in other activities.

Thus, core samples are more than "just rocks." They provide important information for all of us – from climate change to oil formations to our own health.

Written by: Theresa Adams

Information excerpted from:
wiseGEEK.com

Acme Truck Line Field Trip

By Judi Adams

March 14, 2015 – it takes something really interesting to get some of the Westbank Club members and their guests up for a field trip on Saturday morning. Since Mr. Johnny Sanchez of Acme Truck Lines had spoken at the club meeting last summer, we knew we would be very well educated and that getting up on Saturday would be well worth the sacrifice of an extra hour in bed.

The tour began in the lovely reception room, beautifully and modernly decorated, with a HUGE wallpaper mural of some of the trucks that are leased by Acme to haul products all over the country to many oilfield sites. The reception desk sported two huge monitors for checking on visitor credentials and keeping up on the day-to-day activities via e-mail.

As we strolled through the 100,000+ square foot facility to the break room where delicious coffee and local pastries awaited us, our guides John Deris and Johnny Sanchez regaled us with stories of the company's history and current activities. The building had been the site of the local power company offices until Acme acquired it and renovated to meet its needs for the dispatch center and supporting offices.

Starting out in 1960 as a Louisiana-based intrastate oilfield hauler, the company has kept the family owned status – expanding to employee shareholding incentives – and maintained a simple formula for success: The best people combined with the best equipment and a commitment to exceptional customer service. They started out in a small portable building in Harvey, with five leased trucks and expanded over the past 50+ years to the successful service company they are today.

The company currently has a fleet of over 2,900 owner-operated trucks leased to their fleet as well as a wide variety of trailers to serve the many varied shipments, operating 24 hours/day - 365 days/year. Acme is able to meet complex customer needs, hauling 9,000 loads of oilfield, general commodities, and expedited freight shipments every week. The full service terminals guarantee personal service and quick response the customers need and deserve. Terminals are located in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Louisiana – of course, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

It's apparent from the rooms filled with file cabinets and the boxes of forms throughout the building and the warehouse that this is NOT a paper-less operation. All types of DOT (Department of Transportation) documents, regulatory filings, trip logs, MSDS's, and certifications are required in order to continue operations. The drivers' safety is clearly the #1 priority for Acme and their strict hiring procedures keep the quality of the drivers high enough for Acme's standards. Their safety awareness programs are clearly

effective as the company can proudly boast one of the best safety records in the trucking industry. Certificates line the walls, indicating accreditation from organizations such as IADC. The Acme U (University) class room is equipped with computers and training materials to help the drivers qualify for any state and federal requirements and maintain their accreditation, including training on how to use computers to conduct the business processes such as online/intranet trip sheets.

As we walked through the various departments, we were continually reminded of the importance of each section – payroll, accounting, dispatching, sales and marketing, regulatory and permitting, EVERY DEPARTMENT – to the overall success of the company.

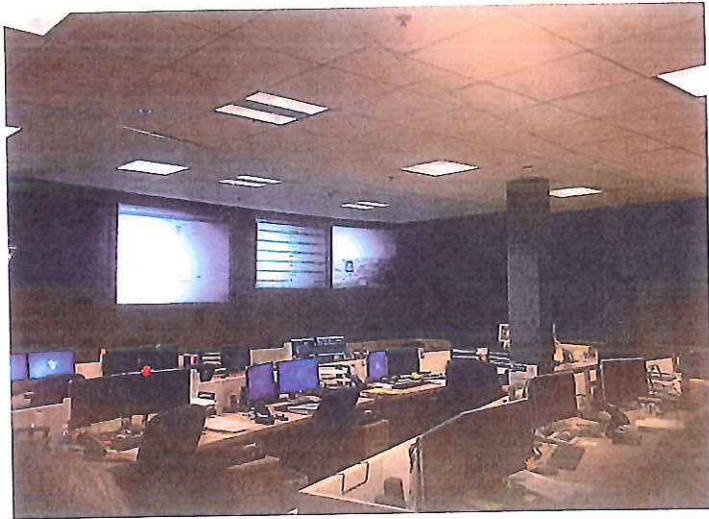
Sylvia Hohmann, a 39 year member of the Westbank Club and a data specialist at Acme, was along for the field trip; we stopped at her workstation for photo opportunities and to hear more about the work done in the data management area.

After about two hours of walking from department to department, hearing about the contributions of each to the company's success, we returned to the break room for a group photo, refill on coffee, a few more questions, and thanks and presentation of certificate of appreciation to our hosts. Mr. Deris also filled our hearts with his rendition of a beautiful gospel song before we departed.

And, we are invited back to do a Lunch 'n Learn for their employees to tell them about the value of membership in the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs and the Westbank Club. (And, a huge THANK YOU goes to Cora Bergeron for organizing the field trip!)



Field Trip Attendees and Hosts John Deris and Johnny Sanchez



Dispatch center – Quiet on a Saturday morning



Sylvia Hohmann and Bonnie Wall at Sylvia's workstation



Crawfish on the Bayou
Desk & Derrick Club
Crawfish Boil

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015

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**

Cost: to be advised

CONTACT INFO: Debbie (504) 458-6557 or Linda (504) 432-5932

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



Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank

Invites You to Join the Fun

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Painting with a Twist

1900 Lafayette, Suite 2A
 Gretna, LA 70053

Subject: George Rodrigue's Blue Dog

Time: 12:30pm – 4pm

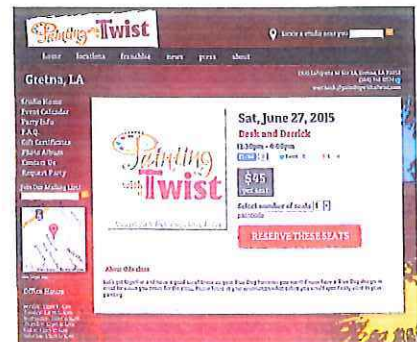
Members & Guests Welcome

Cost \$45

Click the link below and reserve your seat today.

<http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/events/viewEvent.aspx?eventID=371695>

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If you do not have internet access and would like to reserve a seat, make your check payable to Angie Duplessis and mail to the address below:
 Angie Duplessis
 P. O. Box 2576
 Gretna, LA 70054
 504-656-3221

Deadline: June 13, 2015

Westbank Oil Patch

Save the Date

Crawfish Boil on the Bayou - Barataria, LA
May 2, 2015

Painting with a Twist (Blue Dog) - Gretna, LA
June 27, 2015

July Social - To be announced

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

Happy Birthday

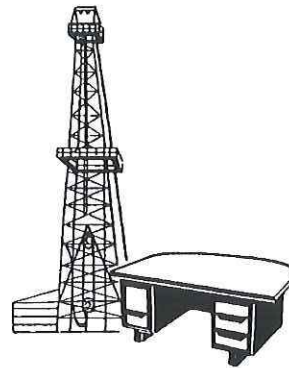
Month of March

12th Cora Bergeron
14th Sigrid Vedros
26th Vera Ledet

Month of April

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

Westbank Club



ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS

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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Monthly General membership Meeting held the fourth Wednesday of each month at
Boomtown Casino
4132 Peters Road, Harvey, LA 70058
Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

Visit our web site: <http://www.westbankdandd.org/>

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