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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LETTER 2

Dear Westbank Members,

Time is moving very quickly, it's already February. The Mardi Gras season is fast approaching. If you venture out to parades be mindful of your surroundings and take the needed safety precautions to keep you and your family secure.

Desk and Derrick guarantees each of us the opportunity to learn more about the oil, gas and energy related industries that employ us. We must be determined to keep the message alive and grow through "Greater Knowledge – Greater Service". We all have complicated schedules to keep, but if you make time for yourself, whatever your goal or interest, you will see yourself differently. Allow Desk and Derrick to be the motivation that promotes self-confidence. Participate in your club's activities, take full advantage of listening to industry speakers, attend field trips, and seminars. The more you participate, the more confident you become. It is you, the members, that make the Westbank Club what it is. The Board and Committee Chairmen are here for you. We need to know how we can work for you. We need your input!

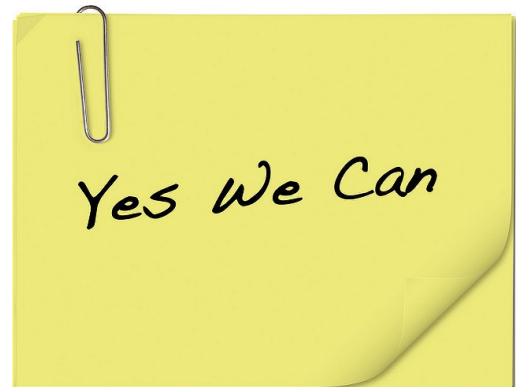
March is Desk and Derrick Awareness Month. Let us reach out and share the Desk and Derrick vision. I challenge each member to phone a friend or relative, contact someone who is not a member -- invite them to a meeting – share with them your D&D enthusiasm. Tell everyone about the educational opportunities we provide, our community involvement, and all the things that make our organization unique, and keep you coming back.

Mark your calendars for the Region III Meeting which will be held April 4-7, 2018, in Metairie hosted by the New Orleans Club – more details to follow.

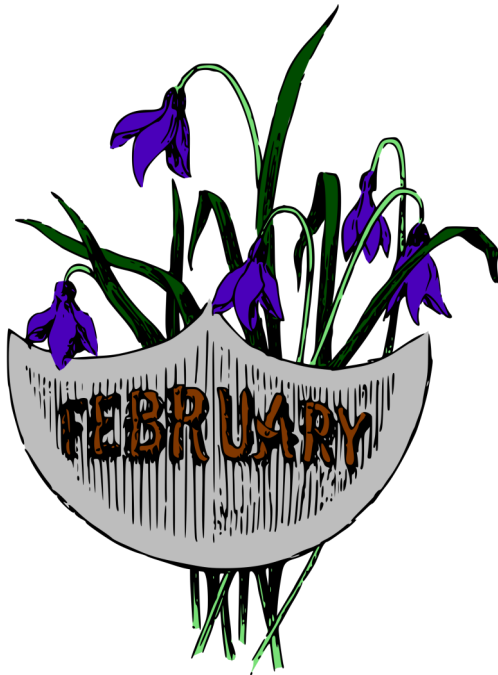
Your involvement and commitment are necessary for our success.

Remember.....***We Can Do It!***

Angie Duplessis



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2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Aimee: Bonnie Wall

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Field Trip: TBA

Finance: Dottie Ancona

General Arrangements: Elaine Lesnak and Zelda Gillan

Membership/Orientation: Jo Ann Brown

Nominating/Election: TBA

Program/IAN: Judi Adams/Theresa Adams

Scholarship: Susan Miller

Social: Vera Ledet

Community Relations: Judi Adams

**January
Meeting 50/50
Winner
Vera Ledet**



2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

Board Meetings

January 17

February 21

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July—No Meeting

August 15

September 12

October 17

November 7

Membership Meetings

January 24

February 28

March 28

April 25

May 23

June 27

July—No Meeting

August 22

September 26

October 24

November 14

December

February Birthdays

Zelda Gillan 13th

Linda Belsome 17th



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February

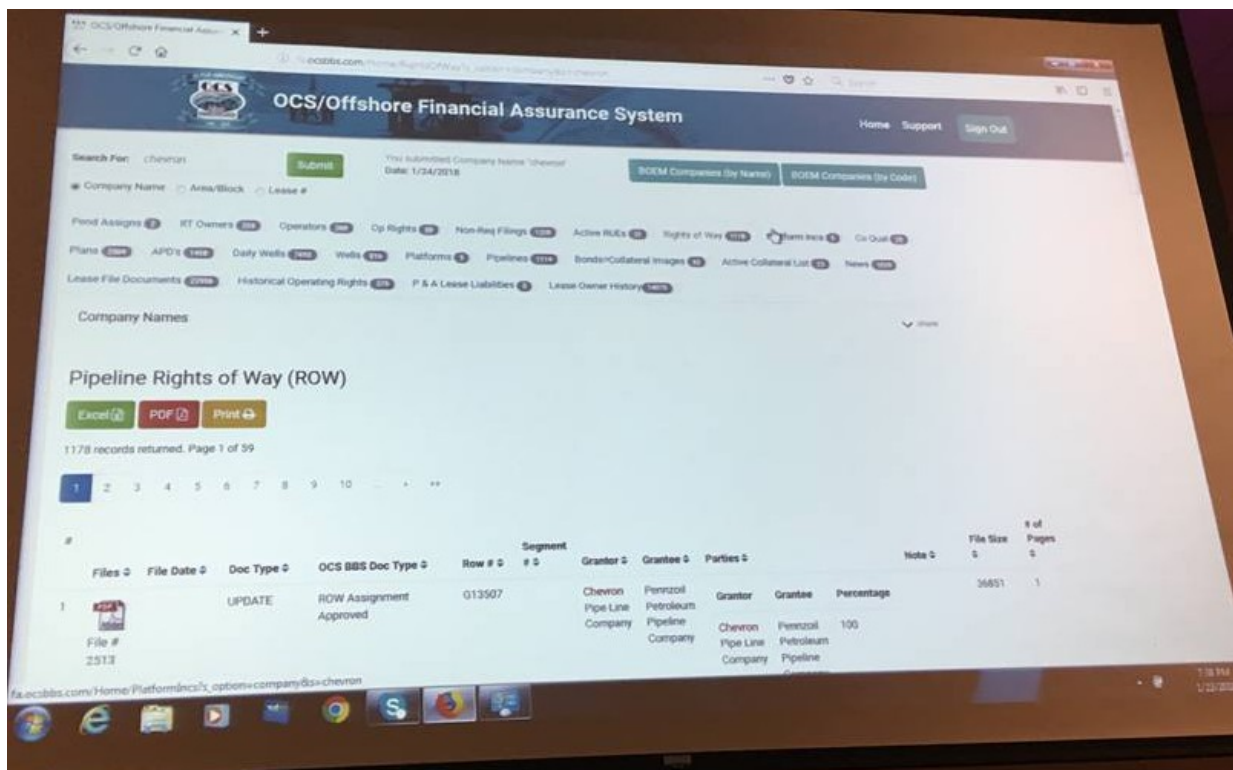
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Mardi Gras	14 Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Board	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Member			



Guest Speaker Charles Miller, OCS-BBS
(Waring & Associates)



President Angie Duplessis presents certificate of ap-
preciation to speaker Charles Miller



Month	January	Feb	March	April	May	June
Date	24th	28th	28th	25th	23rd	27th
Speaker	Charles Miller	Theresa Adams				
Company	Waring & Associates					
Topic	OCS-BBS	Harvey Canal History				
Invocation	Judi Adams	Zelda		Vera	Linda	
Introduction	Judi Adams	Judi		Zelda	Debbie	Theresa
Theme	Carnival Time	Local History	D&D Awareness	42nd Anniversary	School's Out	IAN/Scholarship
Decorations	Judi Adams				Linda/Debbie	Cora/Cheryl

Community Relations Projects

Be on the lookout for flyers and information in the bulletin and at our monthly meetings on the following community relations projects:

- ★ Slidell Ladies of Liberty—Cards for Soldiers (Goal of 2018 cards)
 - ★ Coordinator: Bonnie Wall
- ★ Bonella A. St. Ville Elementary Kindergarten—School Supplies and Field Trip Support
 - ★ Coordinator: Angie Duplessis
- ★ Gretna Elementary School—EABs for 1-3 classes (3rd grade)
 - ★ Coordinator: Judi Adams
- ★ Gretna Food Bank—food and cash donations
 - ★ Coordinators: Debbie Brazeal and Linda Belsome

Please submit application form for any other projects to be considered. The form is on page 6 of this issue or contact Judi Adams at dandd.judi@gmail.com for an electronic form.

Deadline for 2018 projects to be considered is February 21st.

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – 2018

Please complete the form with information on community service opportunities for the coming year.

Member Name(s): _____

Organization Name: _____

Scope of Project:

Time Required: _____

Benefit to Community:

All projects will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Return form to:

Judi Adams

322 Bienville Drive

Gretna LA 70056

e-mail: dandd.judi@gmail.com

Desk & Derrick

Community service to the

Bonella A. St. Ville Elementary School

With just a few months left to the school year, the teacher is in need of FAT pencils w/ erasers & large crayons.

The teacher would also like to take the class on a field trip/ picnic before the end of the school year and is in need of funds to cover transportation.

Angie will be collecting cash donations at the next 3 meetings - February thru April.

**Stand Up For Energy Jobs!**

Noon, April 24, 2018
A.Z. Young Park | Louisiana State Capitol
RSVP: info@growlouisianacoalition.com
GrowLouisianaCoalition.com/2018IndustryDay



Desk & Derrick

COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE

GRETNA FOOD BANK

Suggested items:

breakfast cereal, oatmeal, pasta, rice, crackers, flour, grits, healthy snacks
 canned vegetables, canned fruits, shelf-stable vegetable or fruit juice
 diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, dried fruits, fruit cups
 canned tuna, canned beans, dried beans, peanut butter



Oatmeal

grits

cereal

pasta

rice

flour



pasta sauce

crackers

can vegetables

fruit juice

tomato sauce



PLEASE BRING FOOD AND MONETARY DONATIONS TO MEETING

Gretna Food Bank accepts all nonperishable items.
 (i.e., foods that do not need to be frozen or refrigerated)

They prefer non-glass containers for safety reasons.

Please also consider nutritional food items that are low in sodium/salt/sugar.

Whole grain and whole wheat items are also very much needed.

(i.e., bread, crackers, rice, pasta)



2018

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR OUR SOLDIERS

WESTBANK DESK AND DERRICK

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

SENDING THOUGHTS AND WISHES FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS, SAFE AND QUICK
RETURN HOME, GOD'S BLESSING, THANKS FOR PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS

**WE ARE SETTING A GOAL
OF 2018 CARDS IN 2018!**

You can participate by donating new cards with envelopes and by volunteering to sign as many
cards as you can during the year. Project starts in March and will continue through October.

CONTACT BONNIE R. WALL 504-362-3671 (H) 504-439-1650 (C) E MAIL seawall4@cox.net

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank College Scholarship Guidelines

General Guidelines for All Applicants:

1. Must submit application through an active Westbank Desk and Derrick member. All active Westbank Club Members are encouraged to apply for the Scholarship, provided they meet the guidelines.
2. Graduating High School Seniors must provide copies of both GPA and ACT scores. Proof of cumulative GPA with a minimum of 2.75 and ACT of 23 is needed to qualify. These scores must be on an official transcript with student name.
 - 2a. All High School Seniors must provide a Letter of Acceptance from the College or University attending.
 - 2b. Current college students must submit proof of cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher on an official transcript with student name.
3. All applicants must submit completed application form, including all requested documentation to your Desk and Derrick Sponsor by March 1st .
4. No applicant will be granted more than four annual Scholarship Awards (need not be four consecutive years).
5. All applicants must provide at least one letter of recommendation in addition to your Desk and Derrick Sponsor or immediate family member.
6. All applicants must provide a letter or essay detailing intended field or study and educational goals.

Desk and Derrick Sponsor Responsibilities: The Desk and Derrick Sponsor must write and submit a letter to the committee detailing their personal knowledge of the applicant. This letter, the application, and all attachments, **MUST** be submitted to the Scholarship Chairman or be postmarked by March 15th and mailed to: Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank Scholarship Chairman, P. O. Box 2875, Gretna, La. 70053-2875. **Incomplete applications or those received after the deadline will be disqualified.**

Scholarship awards will be issued from available funds no later than June 30th of each year. Scholarship checks will be issued jointly to the scholarship recipient and the appropriate College/University. Scholarship checks must be cashed within the 180-day time period as per banking regulations, or the funds will be forfeited.

Desk & Derrick Club of the Westbank College Scholarship Application

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR SPONSOR FOR SUBMISSION

Name_____

Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Cumulative GPA _____ ACT Score _____

Status (#of credits/hours) _____ Full Time _____ Part time _____

Field of Study _____

College Accepted to/Attending _____

Personal Goals _____

School or Club Activities _____

Community Service Activities _____

Personal Interests/Hobbies _____

Are you employed? Yes _____ No _____ Part Time _____ Full Time _____ Summer Only _____

Comments _____

List any Scholarships, including TOPS, which are currently awarded, the amount, and the expenses covered _____

Desk and Derrick Sponsor Signature _____

All applications must be submitted with requested documentation (See Scholarship Guidelines) to your Desk and Derrick sponsor by March 1st in order to meet the Scholarship Committee Deadline of March 15th .

Region III Director's Newsletter

Carol Schiavone
Region III Director

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Baton Rouge

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El Dorado

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Jessica Wade
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New Orleans

Sheryl Cole
Red River

Angie Duplessis
Westbank



February, 2018

Dear Region III Members:

Ah, February – the month of love. Love for each other and especially love for this organization that has survived for so many years thanks to the hard work, dedication and blood, sweat and tears that goes into our continually striving to keep Desk and Derrick alive and a viable part of the oil and gas industry. In huge part were the many long hours of work that the board dedicated to the Budget and Planning meeting held January 18th and 19th held in Oklahoma. Although I could not attend in person, due to illness and the untimely mix of winter weather experienced all over the region, I can attest that much was discussed and accomplished. Our President, Christina Forth, will be putting out a letter as to what the outcome was for your benefit in the very near future.

By now all clubs should have received their renewal forms and should be completing them to turn in by February 28th. It is very important that we get them in timely.

A Nominating Committee is being created which will include two members from Region III and two from Region IV Clubs that will be merging into the newly formed Southeast Region. As soon as this committee has been named the info will be delivered immediately to each club president. Please consider running for Director 2019.

Useful tools are out there for your use – take advantage of checking out INSIGHT and the many items of information on our Website. Remember – if we don't use it – we lose it!!!

Lastly but most importantly – have you made your plans yet to attend the Region III meeting in Metairie, Louisiana. It's not too early and we would love to see you there.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY & HAPPY MARDI GRAS TO ALL!

Carol Schiavone

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN REGION III



Region III Members at 2017 ADDC Convention in San Antonio, TX



Lafayette Club presents 2017 Perfect Attendance Certificates to Carol Hale, Sarah Hulin, Any Segrest, and Lori Landry

Desk and Derrick Krewe Salutes Service Members

The Mystic Krewe of Desk and Derrick gave “A Salute to our Men and Women in Uniform” at its 57th annual Industry Appreciation Mardi Gras Ball held Jan. 13 at the American Legion Hall.

Queen Cherri Kinsey and King Earl Heard, of BIC Alliance, reigned over the gala, which honored members of the armed forces as well as first responders. Handmaiden to the queen was Allie Victoria Authement.

The theme was reflected throughout the ballroom with miniature American flags in red, white and blue containers on the tables. On the stage a backdrop of silver lamé embellished with shimmering stars formed the setting for the throne of blue mesh bunting and a huge silver star. Flags of the represented military branches lined the front edge of the stage.

Ball co-chairs Lisa McCoy and Jan Sauls welcomed guests, and President Lois Folse introduced master of ceremonies Dan Day of Eagle 98.1.

The tableau began with the presentation of 2017 royalty, Queen Sonya Ryder and King Johnny Ahysen, followed by ball Captain Timothy Crockett, of ExxonMobil Chemical Co.

The Royal Court was then introduced.

Robin James escorted by Michael Alonso, retired U.S. Army, paid tribute to the U.S. Army. Justine Swarner escorted by Cody Jokinen, of After Five Formal Wear, honored the U.S. Marine Corps.

Retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Philip Rupp escorted Vickie Crandell, who portrayed the Navy. Kareena McCoy, U.S. Air Force veteran, escorted by Graham Ulkins, of WAFB, paid tribute to the Air Force. Ellen Crockett escorted by Secretary of State Tom Schedler, portrayed the U.S. Coast Guard. Robin Tullier, representing the National Guard, was escorted by Josh Camp, of Sherwin-Williams.

The court raised a toast to all active military, veterans and those who serve as first responders and thanked them for their service. The court then promenaded in a second-line tossing beads to the guests who joined in. Following the tableau, members and guests danced to the music of the Don, Jared and Conspiracy Band. (written by Lois Folse, Desk and Derrick Club of Baton Rouge)

Source: www.theadvocate.com



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Happy Valentines Day!

Budget and Planning was a very long 2 days. We started on Friday with the review of committee, board and convention reports. We were up at 7 am and worked until 5:00 pm. Saturday we heard from the Financial Review Committee doing the review of the last three years financials. The committee did a great job and were very diligent and went into great detail. Then we reviewed the recommendations of the finance committee, budget approval, and started work on a business plan. We did not stop until 11:57pm. It was a long and hard two days. I am very proud of this board with their dedication and hard work for the ADDC. This year will be very challenging but remember we didn't get here overnight and we can't fix it overnight. I know many of you are looking forward to the Financial Committee review, but the Association was served legal notice from three members requesting detailed financial information as per their November demands. I am currently waiting to hear back from the Association lawyer before we proceed. The Financial Review Committee is working on an overall final report that membership will receive shortly.

Also, at Budget and Planning, there was discussion on the Realignment and the process instructions will be to the clubs and regions soon. The elections for the Region Directors for the new areas will be by mail vote this year. The review and duties assigned to the Vice President Position have been assigned to other areas.

It has been nice to hear back from some individuals about the changes to the Regional Directors letters. Thinking it was a breath of fresh air to read something unique in each area. Lots of things are happening in each area.

The convention committee has also been hard at work planning for everyone's arrival in September. Lots of great ideas coming forward. We will keep you posted.

The ADO office has been moved to West Virginia and all forms are currently being updated.

The board is also working on creating other revenue streams. Advertising and a corporate sponsorship program are being looked at. With membership at a guess of 1200 for this year's budget, we need help!

Stronger communication is this year's goal. The board will be keeping track of hours and donations towards to the association. This will be shared with membership as well.

Have a great month!

Christina Forth



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504-407-7443 (M)
Email: dandd.judi@gmail.com
Website: www.addc.org

TO: All Club Presidents
FROM: 2017 Rules Committee
SUBJECT: REMINDER: Proposed Amendments to Bylaws and/or Standing Rules

In accordance with Article XXVI-Amendments, Section 1 (a) "...the proposed amendments are submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Rules Committee by an Association Officer, the Board of Directors, the Rules Committee, or a club prior to a deadline date set by the Board of Directors, such date not to be less than ninety (90) days prior to convention, and..."

The deadline to submit proposed amendments to the ADDC Bylaws and/or Standing Rules to the Rules Committee for presentation to the delegates at the 2018 ADDC Convention is **Thursday, February 15, 2018**. (This is two weeks past the original deadline of February 1, giving clubs and the Board additional time to discuss, comment on, and submit any proposed amendments.)

If your club wishes to propose a change, please use the **Rules 1** form (posted with this letter and in the Forms section of the ADDC website). If you or your club wishes to discuss the proposals before they are submitted, please feel free to call or email me.

It is very important to include all information on the form, especially the Article number or Standing Rule number as it now reads, and then state the wording you are proposing.

Please send the **Rules 1** form with any and all proposed amendments to the ADDC Bylaws and/or Standing Rules to me at the above address or email address by the February 15th deadline. It must be postmarked or e-mailed by that date to be considered.

NOTE: Be sure to follow up after sending the proposed amendment(s) with either an email or phone call to be sure I have received them.

Judi

Judi Adams

Copy: Christina Forth, ADDC President
Terry Ligon, ADDC President Elect
ADO Manager
2018 Rules Committee



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Jane Lew, West Virginia 26378

Phone (405) 543-3464

Email ado@addc.org

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2018 is off to a great start! We have new leadership within the association and your Board is working hard to help all of you grow as members and to secure ADDC will continue to be the leading educational and networking organization within the energy industry.

The annual Budget and Planning Meeting was held in Tulsa on January 19 - 20. Watch for meeting highlights to soon be available on our website. Your Board of Directors discussed many ideas to move the organization forward and to keep the ADDC strong and viable for many years to come.

The Association Distribution Office (ADO) moved from Oklahoma City to Jane Lew, West Virginia, January 22 - 28, and reopened on Monday, January 29. Your patience during the move was great! I am still going through boxes and email messages. As a result, setting up and organizing the office remains a daily task. Your continued patience is greatly appreciated.

The **new** ADO postal address is

Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs
Association Distribution Office
P.O. Box 777
Jane Lew, West Virginia 26378

The ADO main phone number remains (405) 543-3464. I have updated all applicable webpages on our websites in order to alleviate any confusion going forward. I am working on updating all forms on the Association and regional websites. Once I have updated all forms, I will provide an update to you via another early-2018 Business Manager newsletter. Again, your forthcoming patience during the transition is greatly appreciated.

Mike Gray has accepted our request to be our registered office in Oklahoma. The address is

Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs
c/o Michael S. Gray, CPA
1513 South Boston Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

The Convention photos are finally available for purchase. You may find a link for purchasing the photo CD within the **Members** area, under **30th Mailing**.

Regional meetings are coming together and the registration packets for these meetings will be posted on our website as soon as they are available. I can assure you that Region Directors and GACs in every region are working hard to make the regional meetings a huge success. You will not want to miss them. Make your hotel, travel and meeting registrations early so you do not miss out on the wonderful opportunities each and every regional meeting will have to offer.

We are looking for 2018 membership renewals and other annual submissions. Could you please gather and submit your 2018 membership renewals, following the instructions that were included in our October email distribution that contained your club's 2018 membership renewal forms. For any clubs that have not yet done so, could you please submit your **New Club Officers Form (ADO31)** and your 2018 club meeting schedule.

Should you ever require information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to help!

Sincerely,

Wayne Ammons
Business Manager

SUPPORTING THE WORKING COAST

Land loss, sea level rise, subsidence, and storms increasingly threaten the economic sustainability of Gulf coastal areas at a time when populations and infrastructure investments are rising.

More than two million people live in Louisiana's coastal zone, many in communities that face increasing risk of flood from storms or severe rain events. The industries many residents depend on for their livelihood are no different. It has been estimated that a three-month closure of Port Fourchon in south Louisiana – a major hub supplying the offshore oil and gas industry – would cost a national reduction in the gross domestic product to the tune of \$7.8 billion.

At the same time, Louisiana is facing a coastal land loss crisis. Between 1932 and 2010, Louisiana lost more than 1,800 square miles of coastal land and is expected to lose an additional 2,250 square miles in the next 50 years if no action is taken. The state has aggressively worked to address this issue through the formation of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, which continues to build and improve coastal projects for better long-term stability. However, even the state recognizes the amount of work needed far outstrips the funding that has been identified so far meaning Louisiana's vast coastal infrastructure faces immediate threats.

For this vital "Working Coast" to continue to flourish, the changing coastal context must be understood in a way that enables coastal businesses to manage risk, sustain the environment, and leverage opportunities to enhance resilience for the economy, the environment, and local communities.

APPROACH

Partnering with industry, The Water Institute of the Gulf is working across the coastal zone with ports and industry to help address some of the challenges faced by infrastructure in these changing landscapes. The following are two examples of how the Institute is implementing its "Working Coast" strategies.

Port Fourchon

South Louisiana's Port Fourchon plays a critical national economic security role by providing the U.S. with approximately 18% of its total oil supply and servicing over 90% of the Gulf of Mexico's deepwater oil production.

As Port Fourchon continues to grow, there are plans to potentially deepen the port's access channel which could yield more than 20 million cubic yards of sediment. This situation presents a unique opportunity as the port will need to dispose of the material while also desiring additional storm protection.

The Institute has proudly worked to create a Public-Private Partnership with the Port, Shell, Chevron, and Danos to determine the best, nature-based way to use the dredged material to protect the port's critical infrastructure, improve the environment; make communities from Fourchon to Larose more resilient; and yield carbon-capture sequestration benefits.

Lake Charles

The Port of Lake Charles faces challenges due to the large amounts of sediment flowing into the Calcasieu Ship Channel, forcing ongoing dredging. While the port has been proactive in finding ways to beneficially use the dredged sediment, the port seeks a sustainable way to better manage sediment through the system.

Currently, the Calcasieu Ship Channel must be dredged yearly to make sure it meets the 400-by 40-foot-deep federally mandated requirements. It's estimated that the Port of Lake Charles will need to have 97 million cubic yards of disposal capacity for dredged material within the next 20 years.

In August 2017, the port tasked the Institute with providing a better understanding of how sediment moves through the ship channel as part of a strategy to reduce dredging needs and to evaluate alternative locations to find long-term and realistic dredge disposal sites.

Source: www.growlouisianacoalition.com



Trump Plan Would Open Nearly All Gulf of Mexico to Offshore Drilling

The Trump administration on January 4th announced plans for the largest expansion of offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. history, putting up for lease federal waters in the Arctic, Pacific and Atlantic oceans and millions of acres in the Gulf of Mexico, including protected areas in the eastern Gulf.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said the draft plan will make the U.S. “the strongest energy super-power.” “It’s a clear difference between energy weakness and energy dominance,” he said in a call with reporters Thursday, emphasizing the difference between the Trump and Obama administrations. Obama had reined in efforts to expand drilling in the Arctic and Eastern Seaboard and enacted stricter drilling safety rules in response to the 2010 BP oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. Some of those safety rules are headed for a rollback under a separate effort by the Trump administration.

Slated to take effect next year, the offshore leasing plan would open about 90 percent of the country’s offshore reserves to drilling. In the Gulf, 60 million additional acres – about the size of Minnesota – would be freed up for oil and gas extraction. “Basically, all of the Gulf would be in play,” said John Filostrat of the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. That includes much of the eastern Gulf, off the Florida coast, which has not been available since 1988.

Federal waters start three miles off Louisiana’s shore. The state manages oil and gas leases along its coast and inshore areas. Several environmental groups were quick to attack the Trump plan. “This plan opens the floodgates to dirty and dangerous offshore drilling,” said Diane Hoskins, campaign director for Oceana, one of 64 groups that signed a letter protesting the plan. Expanded oil drilling puts more of the Gulf at the “unacceptable risk of more BP Deepwater Horizon-like disasters,” threatening fishing, coastal economies and tourism, she said.

The Gulf Economic Survival Team, an oil industry group, praised the plan as a job creator for Louisiana. “The energy produced offshore in the Gulf of Mexico creates good-paying jobs ... and we are very pleased that this administration embraces the importance of the offshore oil and gas industry,” said Lori LeBlanc, the group’s executive director.

The plan is also backed by Louisiana’s congressional delegation. U.S. Sen. John Kennedy, R-Louisiana, said it would be a big move toward American “energy independence.” “It also means more jobs and opportunities for our oilfield families in Louisiana and around the country that have been hit hard over the past several years,” Kennedy said.

Public meetings about the plan will be held in 23 cities starting later this month. The only Louisiana meeting will be held in Baton Rouge on Jan. 22, at 4728 Constitution Ave., from 3 to 7 p.m. A final draft of the plan is expected later this year. Lease sales would begin for the waters off Alaska in 2019. Sales in the Gulf would start in 2020 and continue until 2024.



**GRELA CELEBRATES
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*Rockin' Dopsie, Jr. &
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The History of Gretna, LA

Old Gretna

Mechanikham was established in 1836 when wealthy landowner, Nicholas Noel Destrehan, hired surveyor Benjamin Buisson to divide his long and narrow swath of land on the river into lots. Buisson's original symmetrical plan created a two-block-wide settlement with Huey P. Long Avenue (originally Copernicus Avenue) at the center and one street on either side (now Newton and Weyer Streets). Mechanikham quickly became home to many German immigrants who played a vital role in the City's development and whose descendants became some of Gretna's most prominent citizens.

The community of Gretna was established two years later when the St. Mary's Market Steam Ferry Company purchased and divided a four-block-wide stretch immediately downriver from Mechanikham. Gretna's streets were regularly laid in the same manner as Mechanikham, and its cross streets were numbered as they are today. An essential feature of the new development was its dedicated ferry landing located directly across the river from St. Mary's Market in New Orleans.

McDonoghville

Named for its philanthropic and reclusive founder, John McDonogh, McDonoghville was established in 1815, which makes it Gretna's earliest subdivided development. The McDonoghville Historic District is characterized by modest residences set back on sizeable lots and a lack of commercial corridors, which gives it a sleepy, pastoral atmosphere that is rooted in its origins as a residential farming community. The 1845 guidebook Norman's New Orleans remarked in its brief mention of the place ("MacDonough") that "the country, the beautiful country is all around—and the noise and confusion of the city no longer annoy you." Although McDonoghville has been part of the City of Gretna since 1913, this sense of being removed from city life continues to distinguish it from its more urbanized neighbors.

Before McDonogh purchased the former plantation of Francois Bernoudy in 1813 and founded his namesake settlement, the western bank of the Mississippi River was a long row of working plantations backed by woodlands. McDonogh's property was the site of Monplaisir, a 1750 plantation house built for Jean de Pradel that sat near the present-day McDonoghville-Algiers border. The house and its auxiliary buildings were taken by the river in the late 19th century. McDonogh, who had been residing in New Orleans, moved into the house and divided the remaining land into regular lots and narrow, thirty-arpent strips for farming, which he sold or leased to laborers and some free people of color. While living there, he owned several slaves, whom he educated and encouraged to work for their freedom. Many of those freed men and women settled in a portion of McDonoghville called Freetown.

Modern Gretna

The opening of the Mississippi River Bridge in 1958 and the construction of the Westbank Expressway changed the urban fabric of Gretna. The Expressway cut through mainly residential parts of the City, eliminating the 1400 block of Gretna and disconnecting the southern neighborhood of Jones-town from the rest of the City. The new thoroughfare quickly transformed into a commercial corridor and residential development along the street disappeared. Quick and convenient access to New Orleans provided by the new bridge triggered population growth and the expansion of the community with more suburban-style development in the southern portions of the City – with the expansion and development of the Bellevue, New Garden Park and Timberlane subdivisions.



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