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Westbank members and guest attend November 19, 2019 meeting of the Desk and Derrick Club of Baton Rouge.

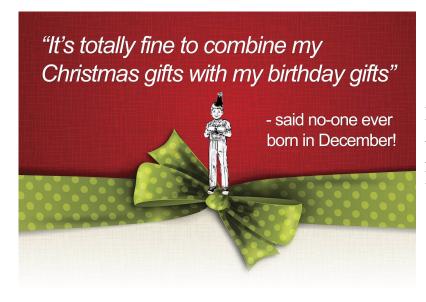
L-R: Gabe Hunter, Susan Miller, Angie Duplessis, Lisa McCoy, Zelda Gillan, and Judi Adams

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Results of Amendments (updated on web)		
Amendment 1	Passed 13-4	
Amendment 2	Passed 16-0	
Amendment 3	Passed 16-1	
Amendment 4	Passed 15-2	
Amendment 5	Passed 16-1	

BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
DECEMBER 4, 2019***	DECEMBER 10, 2019***
January 15, 2020	January 22, 2020

Monthly Program		
Month	December	
Date	10	
Theme	Holidays	
Speaker	Susan Miller	
Topic	Installation	
Invocation	Zelda	
Introduction	Angie	
Decorations	Debbie/Linda	



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December 2019

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Dear Westbank Members,

As I write this letter, I find it hard to believe that 2019 is almost over. I want to express my gratitude to each of you for all that you have done in leaving with me memories that will last my lifetime.

Our club experienced another productive and successful year. We had a successful "Bunco" and awarded \$4000 in scholarships. We were able to complete our Program requirements and had one field trip. I trust that you realize how valuable Desk and Derrick is to each of us. D&D provides an opportunity to learn and experience the industry around us. All you need to do is step forward, volunteer, get involved, be an active participant in making our club the best it can be in attaining our goal for "Greater Knowledge–Greater Service".

I hope you can join us on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Our own Susan Miller, 2020 RD, will be in attendance to install the 2020 Officers and Board of Directors.

May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Angie Duplessis





## **TOYS FOR TOTS**

Collecting NEW, Un-wrapped toys

At the December Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2019







## RENEWABLE ENERGY – PART 3 WIND AND SOLAR

Angie Duplessis presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of her series on renewable energy at the November meeting. She began by explaining that energy can be derived from moving air. Wind is caused by uneven heating of the earth's surface by the sun. The earth's surface is made up of different types of land and water, so it absorbs the sun's heat at different rates. One example of this uneven heating is the daily wind cycle. During the day, the air above land heats up faster than air over water. The warm air over land expands and rises, while heavier, cooler air rushes in to take its place, thus creating wind. At night, the winds are reversed because air cools more rapidly over land than it does over water. Also, atmospheric winds that circle the earth are created because the land near the earth's equator is hotter than the land near the North and South poles.

Currently, wind energy is used mostly to generate electricity. Water-pumping windmills still operate on farms and ranches, mainly to supply water for livestock. We then viewed a brief video: **101-Wind Power.** 

Next, we learned that the sun has produced energy for billions of years and is the ultimate source for all energy sources and fuels that we use today. People have used the solar radiation for thousands of years for warmth and to dry and preserve meat, fruit, and grains. Over time, people developed technologies to collect solar energy for heat and to convert it into electricity.

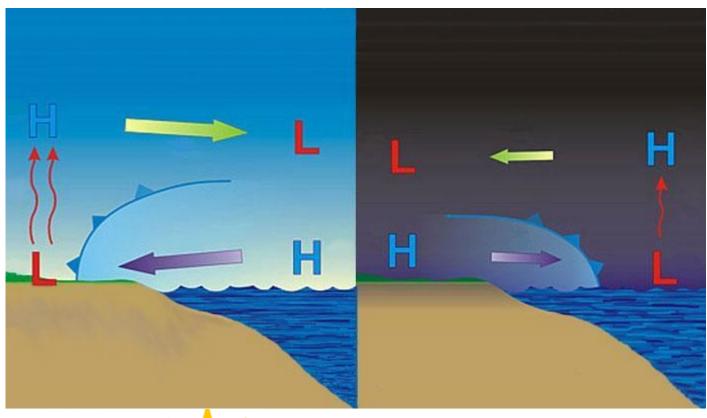
One example of an early solar energy collection device is a solar oven (a box for collecting and absorbing sunlight). In the 1830's, British astronomer John Herschel used a solar oven to cook food during an expedition to Africa. We now use many different technologies for collecting and converting solar radiation into useful heat energy for a variety of purposes. Examples include water in homes, buildings, or swimming pools; the inside of homes, green houses, and other buildings; fluids to high temperatures in solar thermal power plants.

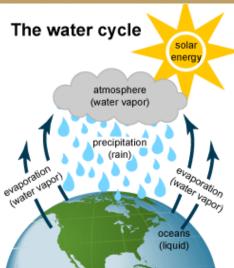
Angie explained that two benefits of using solar energy systems are that they don't produce air pollutants or carbon dioxide and have minimal effects on the environment.

We learned that solar energy has some limitations since the amount of sunlight that arrives at earth's surface is not constant. The amount of sunlight varies depending on location, time of day, season of the year, and weather conditions. The amount of sunlight reaching a square foot of the earth's surface is relatively small, so a large surface area is necessary to absorb or collect a useful amount of energy. We finished up with the video: **101-Concentrating on Solar Power** 

Throughout the series we've learned a lot about alternative sources of energy and how they can be used to some extent to provide clean, renewable power in place of non-renewable fossil fuels.

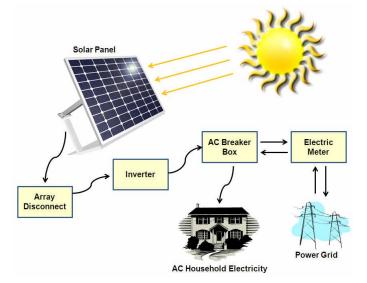
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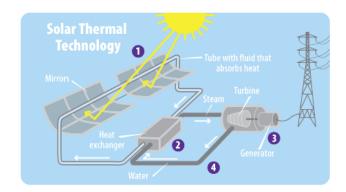






The Moreau Sun Furnace, One of the Many Mirror Devices Designed to Collect the Heat of the Sun from a Fairly Large Area and Focus It in One Spot to Do Useful Work





# IWS GAS AND SUPPLY (INDUSTRIAL WELDING AND SUPPLY CO., INC)

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank's field trip this year came to us through Belinda Jeansonne of JMI Elmwood Shipyard. It is located on the waterway known as Hero's Cut in Belle Chasse, Louisiana and across the road from where Belinda arranged our 2018 field trip. She introduced us to Ricky "Mousey" Chiasson, President of IWS Gases, Harvey Division, who provided our members an educational opportunity learning about another aspect of our vast oil industry.

Mr. Mike Mariana, Operations Manager of IWS, graciously greeted the members of our club with umbrellas to ward off the rain followed by liquid refreshments as we arrived on Friday, October 25, 2019 at the gas and supply company.

Our tour began with a half hour pictorial slide presentation with questions, answers and personal bits of information from those attending. One in particular, Grace Bankston, knew of the company dating back to the late 1950's when it was originally owned by William "Bill" Glenn, and was known as Industrial Welding Supply Company. She was employed at M & W Marine Ways, which later became Wall Shipyard, Inc. Mr. Wall started the shipyard in 1956. He and Mr. Glenn started with a business relationship which quickly turned into a lifetime friendship. Mr. Glenn was instrumental in the success of the shipyard. Back in those days a man's word and hand shake meant what today is a multi-hundred page contract, every page signed and witnessed, dated, stamped, and multi-copied. Mr. Glenn extended to his fellow business neighbor the credit necessary to get a business started. From that day the shipyard bought all its welding and gas equipment from them until it sold in early 1981.

IWS Gas and Supply (Industrial Welding Supply, Inc.) from late 1981 to present, under the guidance of its President, Gary Hooter, has been providing experts, service teams and solutions to tough problems for their customers. They offer "one stop shops" twenty-four hour, seven day a week with forty-nine locations in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas, making it our region's largest independent welding supply distributor. These sites have the brand named items required in the welding, industrial and safety industries such as mechanical, contracting, plumbing, dredging, instrumentation, shipbuilding, fabricating, reselling, laboratories, construction, chemical plants, and government branches.

The day before we had our tour IWS hosted their annual open house for their customers. Over 100 vendors from the world's top manufactures brought equipment and industrial products that you could not see together anywhere else. They held products demonstrations that could not be seen anywhere else, training sessions and offered solutions to improve their customer's productivity, bottom line and safety. They have a special USEPOINT trailer on-site so their customers could try out state-of-the-art money saving systems. Mr. Hooter told those present, "Our Open House is a chance to show all of our customer's what's new in our industry and thank them for their business."

Next year Westbank members will be volunteering at this annual event. Susan Miller, member and incoming 2020 Southeast Region Director, stated she had attended this as an employee of Laredo Offshore in Belle Chasse. What an awesome learning opportunity and industry participation this will be for our club.

After Mr. Mariana finished the slide presentation he took the group on a tour of the ware-housing and sales areas. After he finished he thanked the members for coming to visit and presented each of us a delightful box of handmade gourmet chocolate covered strawberries and pralines from Kali's Kreations.

He then escorted us to the area where their specialty gases division was warehoused. Greeting us was their chemist, Mr. Bill Veron, and his technician. We toured the high tech gas lab and production facility with its cylinders, bulk tanks, and specialty gas mixes. It was fascinating to see how the multi designed tanks were made, tested, cleaned and filled with an array of gases used in all aspects of everyday living – medical, shipbuilding, welding, commercial even down to Party City helium tanks.

Our tour ended with President Angie Duplessis presenting Mr. Mariana and Mr. Vernon with certifications of appreciation, Westbank Desk and Derrick pins and informed them that donations will be made to our scholarship fund in their names and next year they will be invited to join us at our June Industry Appreciation Night where we present our annual scholarships.

Our educational field trip ended with lunch at one of the Westbank's newest restaurants, then everyone went on their merry way thinking about next year's field trip to JMI Shipyard on the Mississippi River in Hahnville, La., again, thanks to Belinda.

Down south, those involved in the many aspects of the oil industry, are proud to be members of the family called "Oil Field Trash." For a large portion it is also a family generational occupation. We as members of Westbank, are proud to be as part of the Sisterhood/Brotherhood of the family called "The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs"!

As a result of the field trip, in 2020 Belinda Jeansonne and Grace Bankston, mentioned above, will become members. Belinda will be a first timer with forty-eight years in the industry. Her first job, and since, was with Wall Shipyard which is now JMI. Grace is rejoining Westbank. She was a Wall Shipyard employee from 1958 to its sale in 1981, at which time she was one of the partners. For all of you LSU fans, she and husband Marvin, another lifelong employee of Wall, opened the Tiger Gift Shop Westbank and Metairie. The first time Grace and I joined Desk and Derrick Westbank it was in its beginning years under the leadership of still another employee of the shipyard, founding member Vonnette Westbrook Edwards.

Life Truly Does Come "Full Circle"!

2019 Bonnie R. Wall – Westbank Desk and Derrick Club













Photos by Judi Adams





















## Southeast Region Director

Evelyn McCurley-Ingram SE Region Director 601-335-1820 feelinfogov0713@gmail.com

Dec ember 2019

Dear Southeast Region Member

December is here and what a year we have had in ADDC. We had a wonderful Southeast Region Meeting in Victoria, Tx. Even with a small number of members, the Victoria Club held a great Region Meeting.

I will be making my final Installation Ceremony in Baton Rouge on December  $5^{th}$ .

I would like to say that I have really enjoyed my year as SE Region Director. I have learned so much more about how ADDC operates and what we need to do to continue with this great organization.

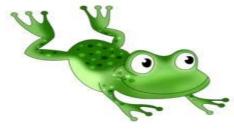
Please invite potential members to a meeting and let them know what ADDC can do for them as members.

The Westbank Club is busy working on the Cruise for the SE Region Meeting. Susan Miller, 2020 SE Region Director is busy getting her Committee members in place for next year. Lets all jump in and get the jobs done.

I would also like to Thank every member of the Southeast Region for your support. Y'all helped make this year very special. Love to you all.

Evelyn McCurley-Ingram





# ADDC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southeast Region Meeting

April 15-20, 2020

Hosted by Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank General Arrangements: Angie Duplessis and Judi Adams Susan Miller, 2020 SE Region Director

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Chuck Perrodin
Public Information Director 1
CPRA
Speaker: November 19
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#### **Coastal Programs**

CPRA (Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority) projects are authorized and funded through a variety of federal and non-federal programs, each of which has different requirements, parameters and processes of implementation. Below are summaries of coastal programs utilized for CPRA projects.

#### Berm to Barrier

During the oil spill crisis in 2010, a significant amount of sand was pumped along the withering barrier island chain to form berms to block oil threatening our marshes. CPRA is taking advantage of that foundation of sand to build more-substantial and sustainable barrier islands that can serve as our first line of defense against storm surge and ecosystem degradation.

#### **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)**

Following Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008, the federal government provided \$27.4 million to Louisiana for coastal protection and restoration projects to help communities recover from the storms and prepare to better withstand future hurricanes. The CDBG funds from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) went to the La. Office of Community Development's Disaster Recovery Unit which has partnered with CPRA and local interests across the coast to identify potential flood protection projects.

#### Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP)

CIAP is a federally-funded program to assist states that have supported or been impacted by oil and gas exploration and development along the outer continental shelf. This includes Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Alaska and California, along with their individual coastal parishes or counties. CIAP is sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and was funded with royalty money set aside from offshore oil and gas leases in federal waters during the years 2007-2010. The funds are intended for the conservation, protection and preservation of coastal areas, including wetlands. CIAP funds can be expended as State-only projects, parish-only projects, or as shared State/parish projects.

#### Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA)

Authorized by Congress in 1990, CWPPRA was the first major federal program to fund Louisiana coastal wetlands restoration projects. CWPPRA is managed by a Task Force comprised of the State of Louisiana and five federal agencies: the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

CWPPRA projects are funded on a cost sharing basis: 85 percent federal, 15 percent state.





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December 2019

It is with mixed emotions that I write this, my final letter, as your 2019 ADDC President. I began this journey in 2013 when I served as the Region IV Director. I have enjoyed this year so much; I don't want it to end. Yet, I look forward to serving with next year's Board to see what new and innovative things we can accomplish.

What an amazing journey this has been! The 2019 Board of Directors has been a joy to work with and I have really appreciated the positive attitudes and open minds of each and every one. We have worked together as a team and I am proud of what we have accomplished. I must thank Marilyn Carter, my parliamentarian, whose advice and guidance has been invaluable; she has kept us on track this year.

Thank you, the members, for your contributions this year. Whether you served your club, region or the Association as a member, a member of the Board or on a committee, you made a difference by the choices you made. Each individual must decide for themselves what their level of commitment will be. If you want to be involved, there are many mentors out there willing to help and guide and support. All you have to do is reach out and ask.

There are a few items of business we need to address before we end our year:

- 1. After your 2020 officers are elected please remember to submit Form ADO31 to ADO with a copy to your Region Director.
- 2. Remember, the deadline for Contest entries is December 16, 2019; entries MUST be postmarked by this date. The updated forms have been posted to the website.
- 3. Membership renewal forms will be going out soon. Please review the information listed on your membership form and make necessary corrections before sending it in. This helps to ensure that you get the information you need in a timely manner.

Desk and Derrick is a great organization and my hope is that we continue to grow and prosper in the future. Please remember to STEP UP and get

involved in 2020 by offering to volunteer within your club, region or the association. Let's support the new Board as they begin their journey in 2020.

Once again, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve you and I will treasure the memories forever. I do hope that each one of you has a wonderful holiday season and may you continue to be blessed with good health, happiness, joy and peace. Our health, abundance and happiness are priceless gifts and may we be grateful for each one.

In closing, at this most joyous time of year, I wish you and yours the Merriest of Christmases and wish you all the promise the New Year has to bring. I leave you with this quote:

"It's not how mach we give bat how mach love we pat into giving." - Mother Theresa

Terry

Members of the Technology Committee are currently working on updating to a new ADDC website. Please be patient while they make the transition. They will notify members when the transition is completed. Stay tuned for additional details.



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The Northeast Region will host the 2020 annual Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs Convention and Educational Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. The Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel-Station Square is the site of the annual business meeting, industry guest speakers, seminars and energy symposium. The hotel is located on the waterfront, in the heart of a 52-acre riverfront complex and offers free shuttle service within a 3 mile radius. There is much to see and do in Pittsburgh. More details to follow.



### Why The Price of Gasoline is High in California (continued from Nov.)

#### **Taxes, Taxes And More Taxes**

The gas tax CA Governor Brown signed is figured as a percentage of the whole price. Thus, when there's an increase in the underlying price of fuel, the sales tax also increases. The State Board of Equalization, which is responsible for administering California's tax policies, sometimes annually adjusts the state's two excise taxes to help offset changes in the sales tax.

Analysts believe taxes and fees are uniquely responsible for the sky-high prices. "State and federal laws like the recently approved gas tax, the Low Carbon Fuel Standard and other fuel-related taxes and fees add a little over 92 cents to each gallon of gas and have a profound impact on California's businesses and communities," Kara Siepmann, a spokeswoman for the Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA), told the DCNF in 2018.

#### No Interstate Pipelines And Few Refineries

Interstate pipelines could funnel gasoline quickly and cheaply to California, but no such pipelines exist connecting West Coast refineries to the Golden State. The state must therefore get the bulk of its fuel from ship or truck.

Only when pump prices are soaring inside California is it worth it to pay those transportation costs for refiners capable of producing California's gasoline formula. The state's refineries also tend to keep inventories tighter than the national average, federal energy statistics show.

As a result, prices surge quickly when a disruption occurs from events such as machinery breakdowns, power outages or labor problems. Imports of gas into California increased to more than 10 times their typical level after an explosion in 2015 took an ExxonMobil refinery in the state offline. State officials accepted thousands of barrels of refined oil from Russia and India at the time.

#### **California Gas Stations Are Disappearing**

California officials have increasingly rezoned land leading to more housing developments and fewer service stations. Exploding housing prices prompted the decision to rezone, if for no other reason than to relieve the problem and lower rent prices.

Median monthly rent for a single-bedroom home in San Francisco is roughly \$3,400, according to industry tracker Zumper. Median rent for a similar home in Las Vegas, meanwhile, is \$925 and \$945 in Phoenix. Subsequently, more than 23 gas stations have closed in San Francisco since 2010.

There are also 40% fewer gas stations in the city than there were just a decade earlier. Fewer stations mean less access for drivers and a lack of competition among retailers — more than 90% of California's 10,000 gas stations are affiliated with major corporations, according to a 2015 report from the Los Angeles Times.

#### **Antagonistic To Fossil Fuels**

San Francisco, Oakland and San Mateo in California opened a lawsuit asserting five oil companies, including Exxon and Chevron, should pay huge sums of money for contributing to man-made global warming. Oakland has also sought to prevent energy companies in Wyoming and Montana's Powder River Basin from transporting their coal from the city's ports to international markets.

California faces a tough situation if the lawsuits miss their mark. Nearly 40% of the state's crude oil

is produced inside the Golden State, even though California lacks refineries. Exxon, Chevron and others being sued will almost certainly pull out of California if the litigation is successful. The oil industry also contributes \$66 billion of gross income for 2.7% of the state's gross domestic product.

State lawmakers are also teeing off against traditional automakers. Democratic state Assembly member Phil Ting, for instance, introduced a bill in 2018 that would, if passed, ban the sale of gas-powered cars produced after 2040. He said California drivers must adopt electric vehicles if the state is going to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Ting wants a full shift to electric vehicles.

Californians haven't gotten the memo. Electric vehicle sales in California amount to less than 5% of the state's overall car sales, despite the Golden State's title as a champion for the electric vehicle market. Analysts, meanwhile, said the market for these types of vehicles is not anywhere near large enough to overcome gas-powered vehicles. The state's belligerent attitude toward fossil fuels places a lot of downward pressure on California's already taxed energy market.

#### **Lack Of Political Party Diversity**

The Democratic Party owns supermajorities in both chambers of the California State Legislature. Democrats have maintained a death grip on the state since 1998, when an overwhelming number of Californians voted for Davis, a Democrat who was later recalled over rising gas prices, among other issues.

Six of eight Democratic candidates for statewide offices won in 1998, which allowed the party to increase its majority in the state Assembly from 43 to 48 and in the state Senate from 23 to 25. The party made further inroads across the state during the 2012 elections, winning races in traditionally Republican areas.

San Diego, once a Republican stronghold, elected a Democratic mayor for the first time since 1988. California Democrats padded to their electoral success during the 2018 midterm elections, which was fueled in part by the state's opposition to President Donald Trump's policies.

The lack of political parity in California makes injecting different ideas into the state nearly impossible, Dave Hackett, an expert on fuel and transportation issues in California, told the DCNF in 2018. He is the president of Stillwater Associates, a consulting firm focused on helping energy companies.

"Why aren't normal market forces driving down the prices?" Hackett rhetorically asked before answering. "It began when one party got control of the legislature. They took all of it in the one direction the one party wanted to go in without the other party off-setting."

Source: dailycaller.com



#### PHOTO ESSAY: Energy-Saving Tips for Fall (source: entergy.com)

The heat and humidity of summer can be hard on your home, and your heating and cooling system. Soon, the weather will turn cooler and night will be longer. Take action now to make sure your home is ready to keep you comfortable when the cold weather comes.



#### **Doors and Windows**

#### Tips

- Replace worn weather stripping around all doors and windows.
- Caulk around gaps in windows and doors.
- Install storm doors if you don't have them.
- Consider replacing older windows with newer, more energy-efficient models.

## Insulation and Air Sealing Tips:

- Hire a contractor to ensure that your home is insulated according to recommended levels for your area. Install insulation as needed.
- Use expandable caulk to seal around gaps in exterior plumbing and wiring access.
- Seal gaps in attic knee walls, soffits and basement rim joints by stuffing in pieces of insulation.
- Add foam insulation gaskets to electrical outlets and switches on external walls (remember to turn off the power first).





#### **Heating System**

#### Tips:

- Hire a qualified professional to clean and inspect your furnace.
- Clean vents and other heating system components.
- Replace your furnace filter regularly throughout the heating season.
- Install a Wi-Fi enabled programmable thermostat, which can save energy by automatically adjusting temperatures according to your schedule.



#### Outside

#### Tips:

- Replace any missing or damaged roof shingles.
- Clean gutters and make sure downspouts point away from your house.
- Make sure flashings around the chimney and vent pipes are sealed tightly.
- Trim tree limbs that are touching or hanging over your house.

#### **Home Energy Audit**

- Autumn is the perfect time to hire a qualified professional to perform an energy audit or assessment of your home.
- Your auditor will inspect your home, inside and out, to uncover energy waste.
- You'll receive a targeted set of recommendations that will improve the comfort and efficiency of your home this fall and all year long.





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