

# Westbank Oil Patch

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A PUBLICATION OF THE DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK  
GRETN, LA

## 2019 Board of Directors

President: Angie Duplessis  
Vice President: Zelda Gillan  
Secretary: Theresa Adams  
Treasurer: Debbie Brazeal  
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Director: Elaine Lesnak  
Parliamentarian: Judi Adams

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Aimee: Bonnie Wall  
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Bylaws: Judi Adams  
Field Trip: Bonnie Wall  
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IAN: Theresa Adams  
Membership/Orientation: Susan Miller  
Nominating/Election: Judy Guillot/  
Pam Lauckner  
Program: Zelda Gillan  
Scholarship: Gaylen Guillory  
Social: Vera Ledet  
Community Relations: Zelda Gillan

## Front Cover Photo:

**White Elephant Lunch Gang  
Westbank and New Orleans  
members, plus Lady Bugs**

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**Alice Gros: September 50:50 winner**

BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
OCTOBER 16, 2019	OCTOBER 23, 2019
NOVEMBER 13, 2019***	NOVEMBER 20, 2019***
DECEMBER 4, 2019***	DECEMBER 10, 2019***
**Moved up due to Convention September 24-29	
***Moved up due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays	



BONNIE WALL—October 17th

Monthly Programs and Volunteers			
Month	October	November	December
Date	23	20	10
Theme	Halloween	Thanksgiving	Holidays
Speaker	Susan Miller	Angie Duplessis	Susan Miller
Topic	Orientation	Renewables Part 3	Installation
Invocation	Judi	Judy	Zelda
Introduction	Judi	Judi	Angie
Decorations	Susan	Judy/Sylvia	Debbie/Linda

***Coming in November: Westbank Oil Patch Convention Issue. We'll have Convention Highlights and lots of pictures and articles about the 68th Annual ADDC Convention and Educational Conference.***

# Club President's Newsletter

**Angie Duplessis**  
**President**

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October 2019

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Dear Westbank Members,

The 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs Convention is now history. There are 44 clubs, 1121 members as of September 27th. There were 151 registrants at convention representing 41 clubs. All amendments were approved, except Standing Rule #5 regarding the President's scrapbook-it failed. I am pleased to announce your 2020 ADDC Officers:

Keith Atkins – President  
Evelyn Green – President-Elect  
Philana Thompson - Treasurer  
Casi Nichols – Secretary

The members of the Central Region did a fantastic job hosting. The Kansas City area had much to offer to all participants.

The 2020 Convention will be held in Pittsburg, PA; hosted by the Northeast Region, September 16-20 at the Sheraton Pittsburg Station Square Hotel. It's not too early to reserve your room!

The 2021 Convention will be held in New Orleans, LA; September 21-25, hosted by the Southeast Region, at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel.

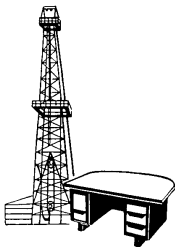
The 2022 Convention is scheduled to take place in Albuquerque, NM; at the Sandia Resort and Casino hosted by the West Region September 21-24. There will be more details in the upcoming months.

Since there was a single slate of candidates no election will be needed. The Westbank Club 2020 Board of Directors are:

Angie Duplessis – President  
Judi Adams – Vice President  
Debbie Brazeal – Treasurer  
Zelda Gillan – Secretary  
Directors – Linda Belsome and Bonnie Wall  
Immediate Past President – Theresa Adams

Let's continue our work together in 2020.....***We Can Do It!***

Angie Duplessis







## Team 2020

The Westbank Club elected by acclamation the 2020 Board of Directors:

President **Angie Duplessis**

Vice President **Judi Adams**

Secretary **Zelda Gillan**

Treasurer **Debbie Brazeal**

Director **Linda Belsome**

Director **Bonnie Wall**

Immediate Past President **Theresa Adams**

**(Resumes on following pages.)**

## **WESTBANK DESK & DERRICK CLUB RESUME' FOR 2020 OFFICE**

**Name:** Angie Duplessis

**Candidate for:** President

**Company:** Phillips66

**Position:** HR Coordinator

**Years as D&D Member:** 41

**Offices held:** Have held all offices, multiple times

**Club Experience:** All committees

**Association Experience:** Region Director 2007; ADDC President 2011

**Regionals Attended:** \_\_21\_\_ **Conventions Attended:** \_\_\_\_\_23\_\_

**Business Experience:** Employed at Alliance Refinery 45+ years

**Educational Background:** BS Management Our Lady of Holy Cross College

**Personal Data:** Married; one cat

**Company Support:** Yes

**Deadline:** 9/11/19

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**WESTBANK DESK & DERRICK CLUB  
RESUME' FOR 2020 OFFICE**

**Name:** Judi Adams

**Candidate for:** Vice President

**Company:** Retired – Shell Offshore Inc.

**Position:** Sr. Administrative Assistant

**Years as D&D Member:** 29

**Offices held:** Have held all offices, multiple times

**Club Experience:** All committees

**Association Experience:** Region Director 2004; ADDC President 2012

**Regionals Attended:** \_\_\_28+\_\_\_ **Conventions Attended:** \_\_\_\_\_27\_\_\_

**Business Experience:** 25 years at Shell: technical, safety, administrative

**Educational Background:** LE Rabouin HS (LPN); Foothill College (business)

**Personal Data:** Single; one daughter; one dog

**Company Support:**

**Deadline:** 9/11/19

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**WESTBANK DESK & DERRICK CLUB  
RESUME' FOR 2020 OFFICE**

**Name:**        **Zelda Gillan**

**Candidate for:**    **Secretary**

**Company:**   **Retired**

**Position:**    **n/a**

**Years as D&D Member:**        **24**

**Offices held:**   **Have held all offices, multiple times**

**Club Experience:**        **All committees**

**Association Experience:**        **Region rep**

**Regionals Attended:**   **Many**    **Conventions Attended:**   **Many**

**Business Experience:**    **Draftsperson/Paralegal**

**Educational Background:**   **Two Bachelor Degrees**

**Personal Data:**    **Single**

**Company Support:**

**Deadline:**   **9/11/19**

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## WESTBANK DESK & DERRICK CLUB RESUME' FOR 2020 OFFICE

**Name:** Debbie Brazeal

**Candidate for:** TREASURER

**Company:** Retired

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years as D&D Member:** 37 years

**Offices held:** Treasurer and Board of Directors

**Club Experience:** Have chaired or served on several committees thru the years.

**Association Experience:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Regionals Attended:** 12                      **Conventions Attended:** 1

**Business Experience:** Inventory & Purchasing mgt in paint manufacturing (33 years).

**Educational Background:** High school & business training courses in my career.

**Personal Data:** Married, one child, 4 grandchildren

**Company Support:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline:**

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**WESTBANK DESK & DERRICK CLUB  
RESUME' FOR 2020 OFFICE**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Linda Belsome** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate for:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Director** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years as D&D Member:** \_\_\_\_\_ **36** \_\_\_\_\_

**Offices held:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Director** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Experience:** \_\_\_\_\_ **many committees; director** \_\_\_\_\_

**Association Experience:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Regionals Attended:** \_\_\_\_~10\_\_\_\_ **Conventions Attended:** \_\_\_\_\_~3\_\_\_\_

**Business Experience:** **Administrative/Executive Assistant**

**Educational Background:** **Redemptorist HS/local colleges**

**Personal Data:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Support:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: 9/11/19**

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**WESTBANK DESK & DERRICK CLUB  
RESUME' FOR 2020 OFFICE**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bonnie R. Wall** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate for:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Director** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years as D&D Member:** \_\_\_\_\_ **16** \_\_\_\_\_

**Offices held:** \_\_\_\_\_ **President, VP, Secretary, Director** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Experience:** \_\_\_\_\_ **All committees** \_\_\_\_\_

**Association Experience:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Region rep for Contest, memorials** \_\_\_\_\_

**Regionals Attended:** \_\_\_\_~18\_\_ **Conventions Attended:** \_\_\_\_\_~6\_\_

**Business Experience:** **Bookkeeping; Business Owner**

**Educational Background:** **HS/Trade School (secretarial)**

**Personal Data:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Widow, family-oriented** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Support:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: 9/11/19**

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## Teamwork – Oil Field Trivia

September speaker, Judi Adams, gave a brief presentation with Oil Quick Facts. Next each table was deemed a team: Baseball, Basketball, and Football. Teams chose a team captain and were given 15 minutes to work as a team to answer 16 questions (below). Referee Judi blew her whistle and the teamwork began. Huddled together to answer the questions, you could see the team members working together to come up with the answers. At the end of the 15 minutes, Referee Judi blew her whistle and the teams swapped their answer sheets with another team and we reviewed the questions and answers. All participants received a ribbon with an award medal. The Football Team got 1<sup>st</sup> place with 13 of the 16 questions answered correctly.

1. Fill in the blank: **CASING** is steel pipe that screws together and is lowered into the hole after drilling is complete. It is used to seal off fluids and keeps the hole from caving in.

2. On January 10, 1901, a gusher erupted in an oil well being drilled near Beaumont, Texas by mining engineer, Captain A. F. Lucas. This gusher spewed oil for nine days before it was brought under control. What was the name of the hill where this well was located? **Spindletop**

3. Who is the oil well firefighter made famous in the 1968 film Hellfighters starring John Wayne? **Red Adair**

4. What is the name of the equipment pictured to the right? Blowout Preventer

5. What is the name of the formation that occupies approximately 200,000 square mile subsurface of the Williston Basin and is beneath parts of Montana, North Dakota, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba? **Bakken**

6. What is the dominant component of natural gas? **Methane**

7. What is the size of a standard barrel of oil in gallons? **42**

8. Which country is NOT currently a member of OPEC? **Brazil**

9. What country was the top oil producing country in 2018? **United States**

10. About how many gallons of gasoline are produced from one barrel of crude oil? **19**

11. What is the top oil-producing state in the United States as of 2018? **Texas**

12. As of July 2019, which state in the United States had the highest effective gasoline tax? **Pennsylvania**

13. What is the date that drilling begins on a well known as? **Spud Date**

14. What is a well drilled in an area without previous oil or gas production known as? **Wildcat**

15. What state in the United States has the most operating oil refineries as of 2019? **Texas**

16. **GOOSE** Neck is an inverted “U” shaped section of rigid piping normally used as a conduit for high-pressure drilling fluid.









# White Elephant Lunch









# DESK & DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK

**FIELD TRIP FRIDAY, 10/25<sup>TH</sup> 10:30 AM**



**(INDUSTRIAL WELDING SUPPLY CO., INC)**

**1111 BURAS DRIVE, B.C., LA.**

DIRECTIONS - Peters Road, Pass Boomtown, Harvey, Cross Bridge, Road Becomes Engineers Road, B.C.,  
Make An Immediate Right Turn Onto Concord Road (Bayou Road), Stay Straight, Road Bends to Left,  
Make the Slight Left Onto Buras Road.

**RSVP: Deadline Friday, October 18, 2019**

Bonnie Wall, E Mail [seawall4@cox.net](mailto:seawall4@cox.net). 362-3671(H) or 439-1650

Holiday Brunch

Save the Date

December 8, 2019

11:00 – 2:00

TPC Country Club

Avondale, LA

More info in November.

# ***Westbank Desk and Derrick Club***

Community service to the

## **GRETNA FOOD BANK**

### **COLLECTING MONEY AND FOOD ITEMS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER!**

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



canned vegetables



fruit juice



tomato sauce



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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)





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# HOLIDAY CARDS FOR SOLDIERS

*WESTBANK DESK AND DERRICK*

*COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT*

*SENDING THOUGHTS AND WISHES FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS, SAFE AND QUICK RETURN HOME,*

*GOD'S BLESSINGS, THANKS FOR PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS*

## HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 2019 CARDS IN 2019!

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

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



# Halloween Costume Contest!!

Prizes awarded for:

Scariest Funniest Worst

When: October Membership Meeting

Date: October 23, 2019

Where: Boomtown Meeting Room

**Note: Boomtown policy states guest's face must be clearly visible; if guests visit casino floor, security team has discretion to allow them on depending on the costume.**

# BOO



# **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS BASKET RAFFLE**

**Donation: \$2.00/1 ticket or \$5.00/3 tickets**

**Proceeds designated for Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank**

**Scholarship Fund**

## ***Basket Includes:***

***Large Fleur de Lis Serving Dish***

***8 x 10 Fleur de Lis Picture Frame***

***Fleur de Lis Jewelry Box***

***2 Large Beer Mugs with Fleur de Lis Emblems***

***Beautiful Round Black & Gold Hanging Medallion***



***Contact: Susan Miller 504.908.6131***

***smiller2020rd@yahoo.com***

***Winner announced at December Membership Meeting – 12/11***

***(winner need not be present to win)***

# Westbank Desk and Derrick Media Kit

## About Westbank Desk and Derrick

Chartered in 1976, the Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank was started in order to provide employees of the many oil-field related companies on the Westbank with a club based near their employment and homes. The Westbank Club is part of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs and proudly upholds its mission, purpose and motto. The Westbank Club was named Desk and Derrick Club of the Year in 1996, 2003, and 2004.

## WHY ADVERTISE with Westbank Desk & Derrick?

Our Mission 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. Our Purpose is 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.

We have a wide range of members with diverse background throughout the oil industry and other industries as well that will help bring the exposure you need to sustain and even grow your business.

Enclosed is our Media Kit, which includes information what we can offer your company and other information to help you make your decision.

We will work hand-in-hand with you to create the perfect advertising or sponsorship package to meet and surpass your current goals.

Please contact me directly should you have any questions and look forward to helping you with your marketing: Judi Adams [dandd.judi@gmail.com](mailto:dandd.judi@gmail.com)

## **ADVERTISING RATES**

We offer advertising packages designed to fit any promotional need and our packages are designed with ease of use, efficiency and maximum results in mind. You may choose one of the following options or we can customize an ad campaign for you.

Note: Accepted formats include JPG, PNG and GIF files

### **PLATINUM - WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING**

**\$250/year** (includes website AND all 12 monthly Oil Patch newsletter)

- Large logo listed on our website pages with link to your website
- business card size ad in our monthly newsletter

### **GOLD – WEBSITE ADVERTISING**

**\$100/year** (website advertising)

- text listing of company name listed on our website pages with link to your website
- option to add newsletter advertising for \$50/year extra

### **SILVER - NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING**

**\$50/year** (includes 12 monthly issues)

- business card size ad in monthly Oil Patch newsletters

## Shonta Greenwood, whether its football or industry, breaks barriers

via [Greater Baton Rouge Business Report](#)

Breaking into circles dominated by men—and then rising to the top—is something Shonta Greenwood can say she's done not once, but twice.

In the early 2000s, after her college basketball career ended, Greenwood tried her hand at a new sport, one that she, like most women, had never played—football. With speed as her biggest strength, Greenwood became a standout running back, playing for two Texas teams in the professional women's league and winning two world championships.



As she made a name for herself on the gridiron, Greenwood was also establishing a professional career in the industrial sector, another traditionally male-dominated environment. She started out as an engineer at the ExxonMobil Baytown Refinery before moving to the company's former headquarters in Virginia, where she stepped into leadership positions.

By 2015, Greenwood found herself in Louisiana, serving as area manager for ExxonMobil's pipeline company. Four years later, she's now head of maintenance at the company's Baton Rouge refinery, overseeing hundreds of employees and contractors each day supporting all unit maintenance.

Although her glory days on the football field are behind her, Greenwood says her sports career prepared her well for her role in the industrial sector, where female leaders are growing but still few and far between—much like female football players. She learned not only how to overcome such barriers, but to also value the importance of teamwork along the way.

"I was an only child for 16 years. I grew up on my own, so my teammates were my family and friends," Greenwood says. "They were all different individuals from different backgrounds. It taught me how to work with and lead people that think differently from you to come together for a common goal."

There was also the competitive spirit—the drive to win—that comes with sports and has also pushed Greenwood to strive for success in her professional career, though not on her own.

"I'm competitive in that I want to win. I try to win through collaboration versus by myself," she says. "Everyone has something to bring to the table to help you be successful."

Growing up, Greenwood didn't exactly see herself in a leadership position with a major corporation, she says. In fact, she had aspirations of playing basketball for the WNBA. But in her role at ExxonMobil, Greenwood has come to find some of the same values she loved about sports: diversity, inclusion and the drive to become better.

Even when confronting challenges, such as working with someone you don't mesh with, she's learned both from sports and her profession to look inward and see what changes can be made.

"I learned in hindsight how to work well with that person, rather than think they don't like me, or it's because I'm a woman," Greenwood says. "What can I do differently to make this work? The key to success is to continue to work on building yourself."



## *Southeast Region Director*

*Evelyn McCurley-  
Ingram  
SE Region  
Director  
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*October 2019*

*Dear Southeast Region Members*

*October is arriving and hopefully Fall is coming. The trees will be beautiful and the holidays will be here before we know it.*

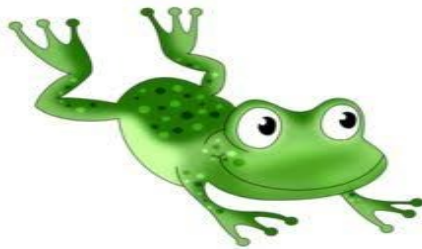
*The ADDC Convention in Kansas City, Mo. has been held and the city and events were wonderful. I will have more info on the convention in November.*

*I hope your club has been working on members to lead your club. I know each club has wonderful members who are capable of increasing membership and having interesting programs and fieldtrips.*

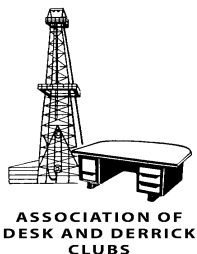
*I would like to encourage each member to invite a guest and encourage them to become a member in January.*

*If you have any concerns or issues; You can reach me by phone or email. Always remember, I am Your voice and I represent you, the members of the Southeast Region.*

*Evelyn McCurley-Ingram*



*"Leaping to Higher Levels of  
Education, Professionalism and Achievement."*



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

***Won't you let me take you on a sea cruise?***

New Orleans to Cozumel, Mexico

- Holiday Inn, 275 Whitney Avenue, Gretna, LA 70053
- Carnival Valor
- Cruise & Park Package
- \$149 (includes room, cruise parking, & buffet breakfast for 2)
  - ▶ A+ Transportation - \$12 roundtrip shuttle service to cruise pier

Book CRUISE through **The Cruise Shoppe** for D&D Rates

▶ 504-364-1986

- Room Types: Interior (2 lowers), Ocean view, Balcony, Suite, Grand Suite
- A deposit locks in the room rate and is refundable until the final payment is made by February 2020
- \$25 deposit per person/\$50 cabin - choose a category
- \$150 deposit per person/\$300 per cabin - pick a cabin

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
– Deposit and book early for best rates. Contact **The Cruise Shoppe** for room rates.







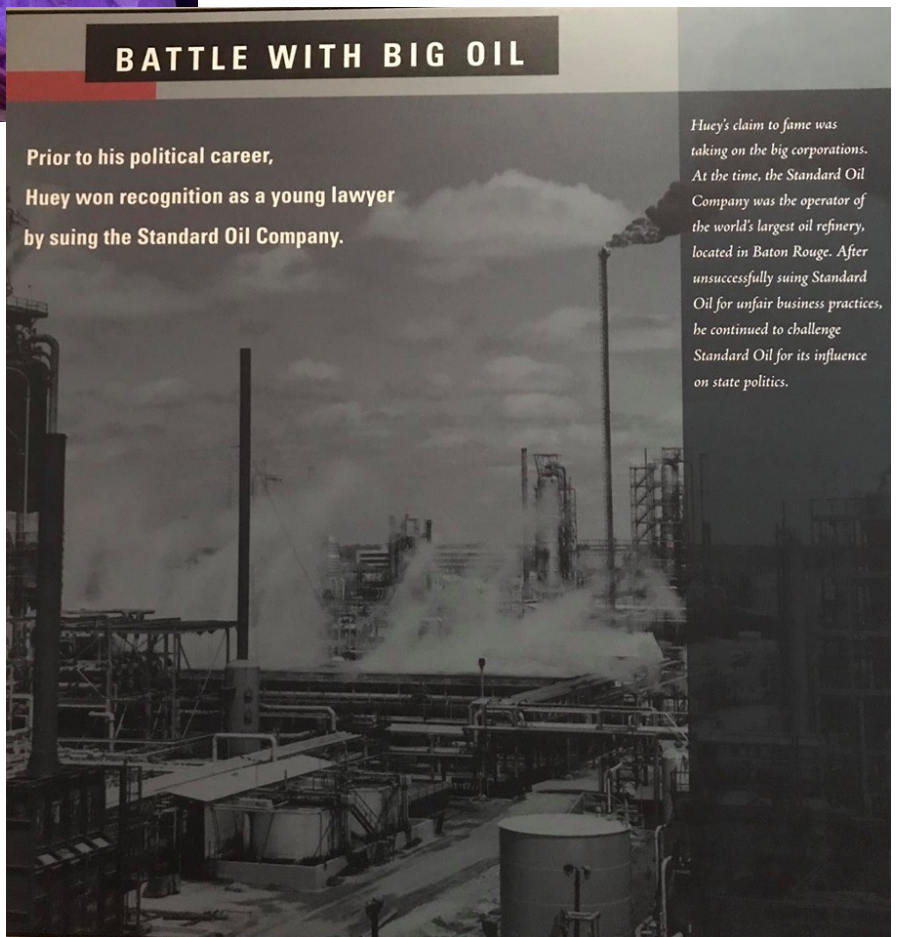
Members of the Baton Rouge Desk and Derrick Club and their guests toured Louisiana's Old State Capitol Building in August.

SE Region  
Around

## BATTLE WITH BIG OIL

Prior to his political career,  
Huey won recognition as a young lawyer  
by suing the Standard Oil Company.

Huey's claim to fame was taking on the big corporations. At the time, the Standard Oil Company was the operator of the world's largest oil refinery, located in Baton Rouge. After unsuccessfully suing Standard Oil for unfair business practices, he continued to challenge Standard Oil for its influence on state politics.



The Desk and Derrick Club of Lafayette held their meeting on September 18th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Petroleum Club. Dr. Donald Thibodeaux, Medical Director of Safety Management Systems was the guest speaker, speaking on "Remote Medicine".



The Desk and Derrick Club of Corpus Christi is holding a fundraiser online shopping event.

Shop and support this worthy cause: [Corpus Christi Fundraiser](#)

The Desk and Derrick Club of New Orleans held a Bunco Fundraiser in August. Looks like they had lots of fun!







## Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

**Terry Ligon**

L Chem Tech Company, Inc.

PRESIDENT ELECT

**Keith Atkins**

Murphy USA, Inc.

SECRETARY

**Wendy Sparks**

Carl E Gungoll Exploration Inc.

TREASURER

**Evelyn Green**

GBC Minerals, Ltd.

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FFAF Cargo

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CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR

**Connie Bass**

New Tex Trucking

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**Donna Siburt**

SOUTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR

**Evelyn McCurley-Igram**

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**Philana Thompson**

Merrion Oil & Gas

**Terry Ligon**

2019 ADDC President

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October 2019

We have just returned from an outstanding Convention and Educational Conference in Kansas City. For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed an awesome educational experience. Casi Nichols, Tammy Watkins and the members of the Central Region are to be commended for a job well done. Each Central Region Club and Member took their responsibilities and tasks seriously and presented an amazing event. From the exciting field trips, dynamic seminars and speakers along with opportunities to connect with our fellow members, it was a great time to be had by all.

This year we had 149 members in attendance, including 9 First Timers. I feel certain that we will see those same First Timers in Pittsburgh next year.

Elections were held at our Saturday Business Session and I would like to congratulate and present to you the officers who will lead us in 2020. They, along with our four Regional Directors, will lead this Association and continue the forward progression of our Association.

President	Keith Atkins
President-Elect	Evelyn Green
Secretary	Casi Nichols
Treasurer	Philana Thompson

I did have a request to list the committees that will be in place next year, 2020, since an amendment was passed changing some of the committees.

Standing Committees will be:

- Club Bylaws/Guidelines Review
- Education/Certification
- Finance Review
- Membership
- Program
- Public Relations
- Rules



Tax Exempt US

Tax Exempt CDN

Special Committees will be:

Contest

Leadership – Strategic Planning, Long Range Planning, GAME

Marketing – Publications, Insight, Social Media, Trade Shows

Nominating

Registrar

Technology

Because of the timing of Convention this year, I am not able to provide as comprehensive a recap as I would have liked this month. However, I will give a thorough report in next month's letter.

As we begin winding down in 2019, clubs will begin holding their annual meetings and elections. Many of you have stepped forward to take on a leadership role in your Club, Region or at the Association level, and I can honestly tell you from experience that your contributions and efforts will come back to you tenfold.

Never forget to **"Follow Your Arrow Wherever It Points"**.

*Terry Ligon*



# Powerhouse of the South: Louisiana's Dynamic Energy Industry

Louisiana's existing assets offer tremendous opportunities for companies manufacturing products or delivering services to the energy industry. More than 90 percent of waterborne U.S. oil rigs are located in waters off Louisiana's coast, and according to the Energy Information Administration the state is No. 2 in crude oil and No. 3 natural gas production in the nation (when including offshore production).

Louisiana's established agriculture industry offers diverse alternatives to emerging clean technology companies. At the same time, skilled manufacturing talent and low company costs are benefiting manufacturers of components and designers of software critical to the efficient generation, transmission and distribution of energy. Recognizing the state's compelling advantages, companies such as Halliburton, Sasol and Newpark Resources are establishing or expanding operations in Louisiana.

## Powering Louisiana's Energy Workforce

As a legacy producer and service provider to the energy industry, Louisiana offers tremendous intellectual capital that can be leveraged to manufacture critical components, develop technology or optimize service operations critical to all energy industries.

New investors in the state can be sure of Louisiana's continued workforce growth because the state is making strategic investments in higher education to meet the future needs of industries. Research centers and universities throughout the state fuel innovation and provide skilled workers for energy companies. A number of Louisiana universities graduate new chemical engineers each semester, including the Louisiana State University (LSU) and University of Louisiana at Lafayette (UL Lafayette). Additionally, LSU, Louisiana Tech, Southern University, Tulane University and UL Lafayette all have specific programs and research strengths related to the energy industry.

LSU is the only university in North America where future petroleum engineers can get hands-on training in well control by working at a full-scale research and training facility. The Petroleum Engineering Research & Technology Transfer Laboratory — also commonly referred to as the Well Facility — is an industrial-scale facility with full-scale equipment and instrumentation related to borehole technology.

## LED FastStart Delivers Customized Workforce Solutions

LED FastStart®, the nation's No. 1 state workforce development program, creates customized workforce recruitment, screening and training solutions. FastStart works with eligible new and expanding Louisiana-based operations to ensure that companies have a highly qualified, trained workforce from day one — all at no cost to the company. FastStart has designed and delivered customized workforce solutions for a wide variety of Fortune 500 companies across multiple industry sectors. In particular, the team has managed hundreds of workforce programs in multiple states for leading companies like Danos, Halliburton, Curolle Marine Contractors and many others.

"With Lafayette's strong workforce and economy, access to major transportation zones and the LED FastStart® program to help hire and train our employees, this is a great place to grow our business."

Marc Edwards  
Senior Vice President, Halliburton

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[OCSBBS.com](http://OCSBBS.com) offers comprehensive Gulf of Mexico oil and gas data.

The OCS BBS Website was created and maintained by Energy Data Solutions, L.L.C. The website has been successfully providing up-to-date [BOEM](#) information to the OCS Gulf of Mexico Oil & Gas Industry since 1995.

It is the first 24 hr./ 7 day website exclusively for the Outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico. It was designed by explorationists for explorationists with quick and easy access to critical information in mind and currently in use by over 350 companies.

Our staff can respond to your needs quickly and conveniently. We can eliminate frequent and expensive trips to the BOEM from personnel in your department.

In addition to the Website, Waring & Associates Corporation (a partner in Energy Data Solutions) has been providing onshore & offshore land consulting services and regulatory body research since 1978. We are located in the Elmwood Area, Louisiana, just one block from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and Enforcement. (Club sponsor)



### Parliamentary Pointers

NEVER:

1. Wait for a second to a recommendation or resolution that comes from a board or committee. There are already two or more in favor.
2. Take action on a committee report which is only factual.
3. Vacate the president's chair to give a report UNLESS the report requires action or the president wishes to debate.
4. Resume the chair until the vote on that particular question has been completed.
5. Feel hesitant to vote for oneself if one is a candidate for office. How can one expect others to have faith which one does not manifest himself?
6. Sign a committee report or the minutes EXCEPT by the name and office of the signer. Respectfully submitted is obsolete.
7. Say old business as it is unfinished business.
8. Submit a committee report with chairman after that person's name EXCEPT when she is authorized to sign alone. When the committee signs, the chairman's name appears first on the list.
9. Record opinions, complimentary or otherwise, in the minutes.
10. "Turn the meeting over ", it is not a pancake. Just introduce the program chairman who introduces the program.



