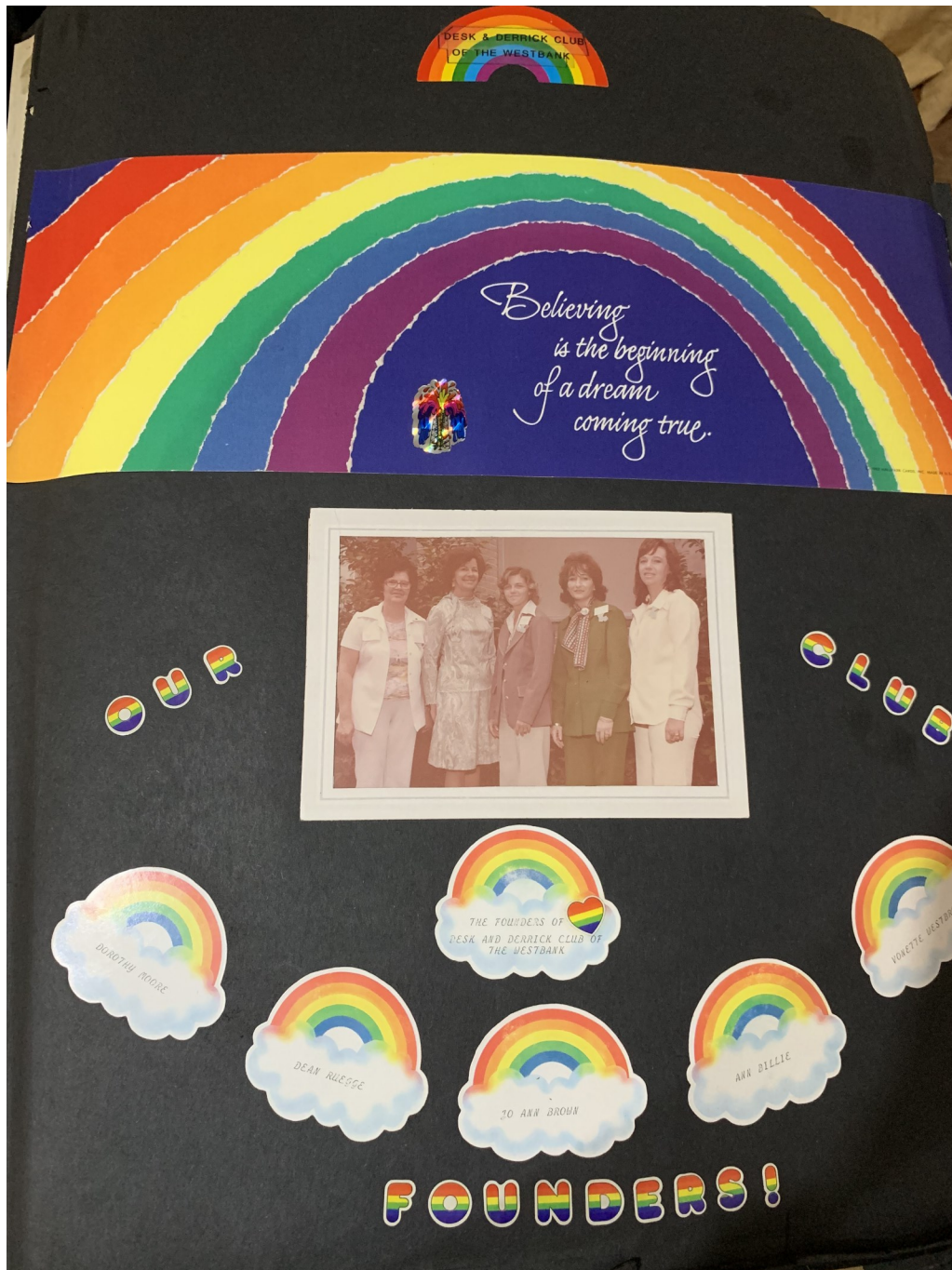


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**In the beginning—1976: Founding Members
Dorothy Moore, Dean Mehle, Jo Ann Brown,
Ann Billie, and Vonette Edwards**

Club President's Newsletter

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April 2020

Letter 4

Dear Westbank Members,

Spring is here and so is Covid-19! Our world has been turned upside down with events over the last month. Everyone is in a panic over the spread of the virus. This virus has no boundaries, it can infect anyone. There is no escape, but to follow the direction of the authorities and practice social distancing.

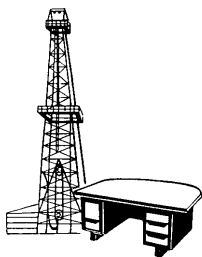
The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) continues to closely monitor the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the New Orleans area and throughout the United States. It is up to all of us to protect against the virus and to protect others by:

1. Avoiding close contact when experiencing a cough or fever
2. Avoid spitting in public
3. If you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider.
4. Wash your hands frequently
5. Stay at home. If you must venture out remember wear PPE (personal protective equipment) such as a face mask and gloves.

With that being said; all upcoming activities have been cancelled, which include the April General Membership Meeting and the Southeast Region Meeting. All members will be kept up to date via electronic media and telephone. In the meantime, everyone please be safe!

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

Angie Duplessis



Monthly Program			
Month	Speaker	Topic	Invoca- tion/Introduction
January	Tristan Babin	ACE Pipeline	
February	Tim Schotsch	Evolution of Waste	Judi
March	CANCELLED		
April	CANCELLED		
May	Dr. G Upton	Port of Plaquemines	Judi
June	Kenlie Fite	Taking a Chance...	/Judi
July	NO MEETING		
August	Charlie Miller	TBD	/Judi
September	Tom Bergeon	Climate Change	/Judi
October	Elaine/Zelda	Orientation	
November	Susan Miller	2021 Installation	Judi/Angie
December	NO MEETING		

2020 Meeting Schedule

BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
January 15	January 22
February 19	February 26
March 17 (changed due to conflict)	CANCELLED
April 15 (teleconference)	April 22 CANCELLED
May 20	May 27
June 17	June 24—Scholarship/IAN
July—NO MEETING	July 18 —White Elephant Brunch
August 19	August 26
September 9 (changed due to Convention)	September 23
October 21	October 28
November 11 (changed due to Thanksgiving)	November 18
December—No Meeting	December 11—Holiday Brunch

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Dawn	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7	8	9	10 Dottie Good Friday	11
12 Glenda Kerry Easter	13	14	15 Board	16	17	18
19	20	21 Sylvia	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Plaquemines Port is proud to serve as a logistics distribution center to the heartland of America.

Located at the mouth of the Mississippi River, our port provides water access to 33 states – allowing businesses to benefit from barge, rail and interstate highway access across much of the United States. Plaquemines Port is perfectly positioned to serve the expanding global markets for oil & gas, grain, coal, chemicals and more. In addition, our port offers 14 major anchorages and thousands of acres of properties available for development of container ports, bulk & break bulk operations, docks and much more.

A PRIME LOCATION

Strategically located approximately 20 miles south of the Port of New Orleans and adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico, Plaquemines Port is consistently ranked among the top ports in the country. Featuring more than 100 miles of deep draft access (45 ft. minimum), our port also offers the closest terminals to open water on the Mississippi. In addition, Plaquemines Port is within close proximity of Latin American ports and the Panama Canal to help facilitate waterborne commerce.

THE VENICE ADVANTAGE

Located within the Plaquemines district, Venice is a prime location for support of oil & gas operations in the Gulf of Mexico. It is the closest energy port to the Eastern Gulf of Mexico. Featuring major heliports, an extensive petroleum infrastructure, a large pipeline network, storage facilities and both deep and shallow draft wharfage – Venice is also an ideal base of operations for fleets of oilfield supply vessels.



MORE BENEFITS FOR BUSINESSES

In addition to many geographical and natural advantages, Plaquemines Port offers a number of benefits for businesses including a low tax base, fair tariffs, an able workforce and a pro-business government.

We invite you to [contact us](#) to learn more about our property development opportunities, port services and abundant resources.

Community Service Projects are on hold until further notice. But, you can still be signing holiday cards or collecting toiletry and non-perishable food items. Bonnie, Susan, and Judy and Sylvia will be happy to take your donations when the “shelter-in-place” quarantine is over.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank will be collecting items for the St. Joseph Apartments in Gretna. Members will be bringing items to the residents living in the Apartments. These are all senior citizens and we could make a difference in the lives of these senior citizens with just a little donation.

Items to be collected are the following:

Mens/Ladies socks, books, combs, brushes, shower caps, kleenex, travel soaps, shampoo, conditioners, pens, stationery, games, small food items or any other things that they may need. All will be appreciated by these residents.



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2020

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 BLESSINGS,
AND THANKS FOR THEIR SERVICE AND
PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS

Help us meet our 2020 goal of 2020 cards!

CONTACT BONNIE R. WALL 504-362-3671 (H) 504-439-1650 (C)

E MAIL seawall4@cox.net

Bonnie will bring cards to the meetings throughout the year
So take a few and sign a few! Or take a lot and sign a lot!!



Desk & Derrick

Community service to the

GRETNA FOOD BANK

COLLECTING MONEY AND FOOD ITEMS!

**Judy and Sylvia will have the oatmeal box at the meetings –
ready for our \$ donations.**

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



tcrackers



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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April 2020

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Keith Atkins
Murphy USA Inc.

Dear Members,

PRESIDENT ELECT

Evelyn Green
GBC Minerals, Ltd

As you all are aware, we are now living in a very volatile environment regarding the COVID-19 virus. Events in the future are unknown and will remain in flux as we move further into this pandemic.

SECRETARY

Casi Nichols
Spur Services LLC

All four of the Region Meetings have been cancelled. The Sea Cruise Southeast Region in April was to be rescheduled to May 29-30, but it has officially been cancelled. This was a very difficult decision but the health and safety of our members is our top priority.

TREASURER

Philana Thompson
Merrion Oil & Gas Corp

Our Desk and Derrick family is a strong and caring group of individuals. We should all keep in contact with fellow members. There are many ways to stay informed and in touch to be sure our D&D friends are okay: ADDC website, Facebook, Facetime, each club's Facebook page, and other forms of social media. Stay home, keep safe social distance, and provide or get needed moral and emotional support.

IMMEDIATE PAST

PRESIDENT
Terry Ligon
L Chem Tech Company Inc

I will continue to check on the Region Presidents regularly. Soon, your presidents will receive an e-mail with the Region Reports, Regional Awards of Merit results, and pertinent information requiring voting by club delegates.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Marilyn Carter

The Association Board is continuing their monthly conference call meetings; I will bring up any concerns or business raised by the region clubs and keep our members informed of what is going on in the Association.

CENTRAL REGION

DIRECTOR
Shelly McCool
Taylored Services, LLC

Remember, we have time now to write cards and letters, surf the internet, visit the ADDC Website and browse around to familiarize yourself with the new format, find forms, read reports, and read about the ADDC's interesting history. You can also visit other clubs' websites and Facebook pages; keep up on what's happening in the clubs throughout the Association; find educational online resources for virtual meetings; and stay connected.

NORTHEAST REGION

DIRECTOR
Shelly Hildebrandt
Miller & Cook, LLP

I send wishes that all of our members stay safe, pay attention to medical and scientific advice, and stay well-informed about this ever-changing situation.

Virtual hugs to everyone,

SOUTHEAST REGION

DIRECTOR
Susan Miller

Susan

WEST REGION

DIRECTOR
Christina Forth
FFAF Cargo

P.S. Some members are planning on re-booking their cruise using Carnival's future cruise credits sometime in late January 2021. We will keep you informed of details and options, if you are interested in re-booking your cruise and joining the other members.



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Memo

To: All ADDC Members
From: ADDC Board of Directors
Date: March 22, 2020
Subject: Coronavirus Update for ADDC

Dear fellow D&D Members, the past two weeks have proven that we can never predict the future. In these trying times, your ADDC Leadership and our countries' National Leadership, want what's best for our health and welfare, above all. We wanted to provide an update to help answer our members' questions and concerns regarding Desk and Derrick Regional Meetings and monthly club meetings.

As of today, the Southeast Region Meeting is still rescheduled for the end of May. In the event that future health concerns lead to the necessity to change those plans, we will update membership. The physical meetings of the Central, Northeast, and West Regions have been canceled, opting to take care of necessary region business such as 2021 Region Director election and approval of future region meeting location by virtual meeting, email, other electronic means, etc. Our ADDC Parliamentarian Marilyn Carter has confirmed that under the unprecedented circumstances, for 2020 our regions can handle business in this manner, but should add provisions for doing business by electronic means in region bylaws in the future. Regional Directors will work with Club Presidents on plans for handling the business of the regions.

For normal monthly club meetings, last year's change to our Bylaws and Standing Rules helps relieve the burden of meeting our program requirements, only needing to have five educational programs, four being industry-related. However, not knowing the full extent the Coronavirus will have over the next few months, there can be leniency in the adherence to the program requirements for 2020. The ADDC Board of Directors recommends adhering to your area's suggested or required social distancing instructions, especially those who the CDC identify are at a heightened risk for infection:

- People aged 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- People who have
 - Chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - Heart disease with complications
 - Immunocompromised including cancer treatment
 - Severe obesity or underlying medical conditions like diabetes, renal failure, or liver disease
- People who are pregnant, though to date there hasn't been proof of an increased risk

As of now, there has been no decision to cancel the 2020 Convention in Pittsburgh in September. However, we will continue to monitor and make decisions for future ADDC events using the most current and up-to-date information available over the next few months.

Please be safe over the next few months. Follow the recommendations of our health care professionals in order to protect yourself and your loved ones. Stay in and away from others whenever possible to reduce the likelihood of getting sick.

The 2020 ADDC Board of Directors



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April 2020

And just like that, life as we knew it, was changed forever.

I read through my March letter and thought to myself, I am now in the Twilight Zone. What a difference 30 days have made! In my gavel acceptance speech in Kansas City, I said I wanted 2020 to be remembered for more than just ADDC having its first male president. I wasn't thinking anything nearly this extreme.

To catch up on what has happened in the past month, for the safety of our members, decisions were made to cancel all four of our physical region meetings. The regions will handle 2020 business such as Region Director election, by teleconference or other electronic means. These were tough decisions...none of us wanted to miss a region meeting. We had concerns about host clubs and the region funds losing money from deposits made for hotels and events, not to mention the many hours of planning and legwork done by members of the clubs. But fortunately, there was very little financial impact, and we'll all be able to stay healthier as a result.

For now, we still don't have any current plans to cancel the 2020 Convention in Pittsburgh, PA in September. But we will be monitoring the situation over the next few months to ensure we take whatever steps are necessary to make the best decision for the Association and its members.

The Board is very concerned about our members and wants to stress that under the current crisis, we encourage you to do everything you can to practice social distancing, as it is crucial to reducing the spread of COVID-19 and ensuring your safety. For 2020, our clubs WILL NOT be penalized for failing to meet the normal required number of programs. We encourage clubs to postpone physical meetings until this crisis is over. If your club can find a way to hold meetings by video chat or other electronic means, it will be a great way to keep members engaged, but since many of our members may be unable to use this technology, it certainly is just optional.

March was Desk and Derrick Awareness Month, the time we usually are working hard to bring in new members. Obviously, without having meetings to bring guests to, we haven't been able to do our usual membership drive activities. But let's not forget once things get back to normal and we begin having physical meetings again, it will be very important to try and get some new members in. I've already heard about some members being laid off, and our

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membership numbers are already fragile, so we need to do whatever we can to try and offset membership losses with some new members if possible. With all this social distancing, we should have plenty of spare time to brainstorm on ways to promote our organization and our clubs. <wink>

Until next month, please take care of yourself. Don't put yourself in any unnecessary risk. You are all very important to me. I want to see you all again...hopefully in Pittsburgh!

"Well done is better than well said." Benjamin Franklin

Keith

69th Annual ADDC Convention

When: September 16-20, 2020

Where: Pittsburgh, PA

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The PGH10t: An Intro to Innovation tour provides 90 minutes aboard the Explorer riverboat discovering how our tech-forward city has evolved.
Take your very own "limo ride on the water" with Rush Hour Boat Charters. Excursions include day, evening or sunset cruises, with or without dinner. Or, reserve a seat on Pittsburgh Pedal Boats.
Feeling adventurous? Just over an hour southeast of Pittsburgh, Laurel Highlands River Tours offers guided rafting trips on the Youghiogheny and Cheat rivers.

WALKING TOURS
Enthusiastic guides with Free Pittsburgh Walking Tours show the highlights of Pittsburgh and its legendary past, either Downtown or on the North Side. Pay what you want at the end of the tour.
A guided tour by Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation features elegant homes, architect-designed government buildings and historic churches. Self-guided tours are available.
Walk the Burgh Tours showcases the beauty of Pittsburgh's buildings by walking past and through them.

BICYCLE, BUS, SEGWAY & TROLLEY TOURS
Residents, commuters and visitors navigate Pittsburgh by bike, thanks to its numerous trails and bike lanes along many city streets. Try Healthy Ride, Pittsburgh's bike-sharing system, or rent a bike from Golden Triangle Bike Rental or The Wheel Mill. Stop by the remarkable Bicycle Heaven museum on the North Side.
Bike the Burgh Tours is perfect for seeing the most interesting spots of Pittsburgh, with a little history thrown in.
The Dutch-made bikes of Pittsburgh Party Pedaler can accommodate up to 16 adults on a customized, two-hour tour.

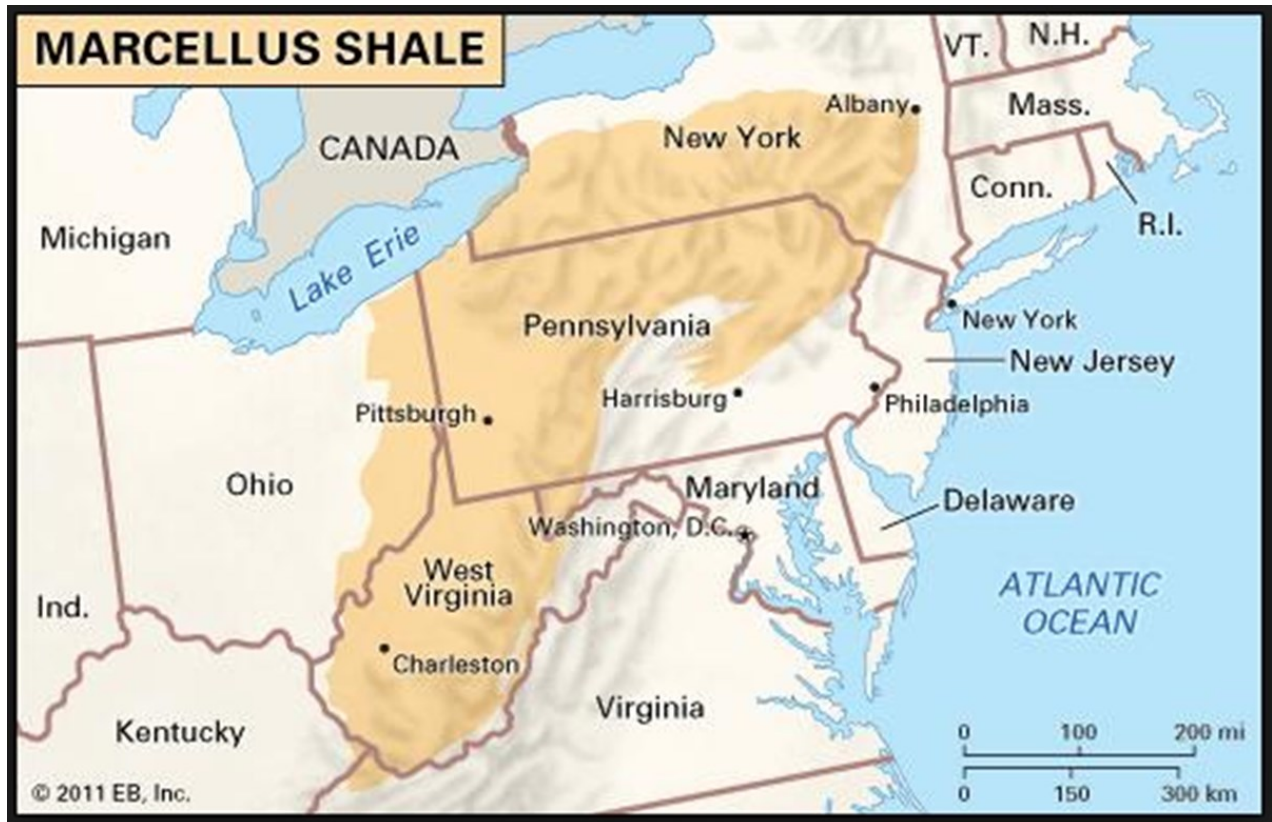
Lenzner Coach Lines offers day casino trips and day travels into the countryside, including to the Frank Lloyd Wright homes of Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob.
For a unique and memorable event, book a private, specialty sightseeing tour with Molly's Trolleys.
Segway Pittsburgh can assist mobility with two-hour tours on wheels.

INDUSTRIAL HISTORY TOURS
Connect with Pittsburgh's steel industry heritage on Rivers of Steel's guided tour of the Carrie Blast Furnaces National Historic Landmark. Learn about iron- and steel-making, the workers and their culture.
An hour north in Mercer, tour the Wendell August Forge to watch skilled artisans and craftsmen create their works in aluminum, bronze, copper and pewter.

SPORTS TOURS
Love baseball? Take an interactive walking tour of PNC Park, the Pirates' classic-style ballpark with picturesque city views.
Get behind-the-scenes access to Steelers football at Heinz Field with public, private, game day and celebration tours.
PPG Paints Arena, home to the Penguins, is the first NHL arena with LEED Gold Certification. Tours provide an exclusive look at all seating levels, locker rooms and more.
In Oakland, the outfield wall of Forbes Field stands as a monument to Pittsburgh's baseball history. Home plate is preserved in a glass block in the lobby floor at the University of Pittsburgh's Hillman Library.

CULINARY & CRAFT BEER TOURS
The 'Burgh Bites and Bites Food Tour connects people to communities through food. On seven neighborhood-specific tours, shop owners tell their stories and offer scrumptious samples. Custom tours also are available.
Get up-close-and-personal with Pittsburgh's best craft beer on a journey with City Brew Tours Pittsburgh. Expert guides provide access to 15 brews and a gourmet meal.

- Marcellus production is focused in 5 states. Ohio, West Virginia, New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania.
- Pittsburgh is in the heart of the Marcellus Shale.
- Lots of natural gas exploration and production happening in the area.
- Great industry related field trips





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2020 U.S. Club Presidents and Regional Fund Treasurers

Date: March 11, 2020

RE: ADDC Form TAXE1; TAXE2, IRS Form 990 and 990N

All U.S. Clubs **must** file **ADDC Form TAXE1** and a copy of the **IRS Form 990/990-EZ** or **990N** with the Tax-Exempt Committee Chair (**TECC**) on or before **MAY 15, 2020**.

- If your club is covered under the ADDC Group Exemption and had 2019 gross income **under** \$50,000, send the **ADDC Form TAXE1** to me on or before **May 15, 2020**. Form **990N**, an electronic postcard, must **also** be filed with the **IRS by May 15** and a copy of the IRS acceptance email must be sent to me also. The form is available on the **IRS** website (www.irs.gov). This form must be submitted over the internet and cannot be mailed to the **IRS**. Please check the appropriate box on the **TAXE1** form so I know you've filed the postcard and then forward the IRS approval to me once you receive it.
- If your club is covered under the ADDC Group Exemption and had 2019 gross income of **\$50,000 or over**, file **IRS Form 990** or **IRS Form 990-EZ** with the **IRS** and forward a copy together with **ADDC Form TAXE1** to me on or before **May 15, 2020**.
- If you do not get a confirmation email from me within three days, please follow-up on it. I will acknowledge all submissions.
- At this time, all US clubs are covered under the group exemption.

ADDC TAXE1 (form) and TAXE2 (instructions) are posted in the *Members* area of the ADDC website under *Committees > Tax Exempt*. (<https://addc.org/tax-exempt>) Please review the form and read the instructions. If you have problems downloading the forms, please reach out to me or to ADO and we can send by email.

Additionally, carefully verify if the Club address provided is permanent, and check the appropriate space. This address information will be provided to the ADO office to update their records. Each club and Region Fund have their own unique tax ID # (EIN). If you cannot locate, or if you have a question about your Club's (or Region Fund's) Tax ID number, please contact me. Please **DO NOT** complete your club or region's tax form using ADDC's tax ID number.

The committee asks that should a Club receive any notice or request from the IRS (other than the need to file a **990N**), **immediately** notify your Region Director and the Tax- Exempt Chairman. As each Club is part of the ADDC Group Exemption, any IRS inquiry may affect all Clubs.

Thank you,

Rick Morgan
2020 Tax-Exempt US Committee Chair

ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS
2020
BUDGET AND PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS
FEBRUARY 8, 2020

- General consent given for the Club Bylaws/Guidelines Review Committee to move forward updating committee guidelines for committees whose current Chair have not provided feedback for suggested edits.
- The Board approved renaming the Certification Program certificate from Petroleum Technician to Energy Technician and to transition towards a broader coverage of materials.
- General consent given for the Finance Review Committee to review ADDC financial information monthly for six months to help with the transition of our accounting and finance to Charity Rising in 2020 and for the Finance Review Committee to add reviewing convention hotel contracts as one of their duties.
- The Board to request that the Membership Committee work on updating and ADDC Membership Handbook.
- General consent given for the Public Relations Committee to purchase plaques for the 2020 Distinguished Service and Special Achievements Awards given at Convention.
- General consent to rename the Leadership - Long Range Planning, GAME Committee to the Leadership Committee.
- General consent for June 12, 2020 as the deadline for receiving nominations for the 2021 ADDC Board.
- General consent to approve the preliminary registration fee of \$275 and the proposed budget for the 2020 Convention. If sponsorships and contributions are received prior to the

registration packet being distributed to membership, the registration fee may be reduced.

- General consent to approve the \$1,000 per year (2020-2022) stipend for the 2022 Convention.
- General consent to update general convention format wording to allow for flexibility of which events can be held on which days during convention.
- General consent to use Mike Gray, CPA, to conduct the annual accounting review for the Association. Mike will work this year to transition files to Rick Morgan's CPA firm. Rick's firm will begin providing CPA services, free of charge, to ADDC beginning with tax year 2020. Mike will work with Rick to ensure a smooth transition. Mike has graciously offered to continue serving as ADDC's registered agent in Oklahoma at no cost.
- General consent to ratify the list of insurance policies and the amounts of coverage.
- General consent to ratify the votes taken by the 2020 Board via email since the 2019 Post-Convention Board Meeting.
- The Board approved setting up ADO (Charity Rising) to process payments through Bill Pay, and handle accounting duties in QuickBooks, including bank account reconciliations with multiple levels of checks and balances by the Treasurer, President, and Finance Review Committee.
- The Board approved a balanced budget, that was sent to membership through the Regional Directors.
- Brainstorming session – The Board discussed current ADDC issues and possible resolutions and began work on an updated Strategic Plan that will be completed later, due to the shortened B&P Meeting format.

Gulf of Mexico lease sale generates US\$93 million in high bids

Published by Nicholas Woodroof, Assistant Editor
[Oilfield Technology](#), Friday, 20 March 2020 14:00

The US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has announced that region-wide Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 254 generated over US\$93 million in high bids for 71 tracts covering 397 285 acres in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. A total of 22 companies participated in the lease sale, submitting US\$108 587 185 in total bids.

Lease Sale 254 included 14 594 unleased blocks located from three to 231 miles offshore, in the Gulf's Western, Central and Eastern Planning Areas in water depths ranging from nine to more than 11 115 ft (3 to 3400 m). The following were excluded from the lease sale: (1) blocks subject to the congressional moratorium established by the Gulf of Mexico Security Act of 2006, (2) blocks that are adjacent to or beyond the US Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap, and (3) whole blocks and partial blocks within the boundaries of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

"The development of oil and gas assets in the Gulf of Mexico is a highlight of the Outer Continental Shelf," said BOEM's Gulf of Mexico Office Regional Director, Mike Celata. "The continued presence of large deposits of hydrocarbons in the region will draw the interest of industry for decades to come." Revenues received from Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) leases (including high bids, rental payments and royalty payments) are directed to the US Treasury, certain Gulf Coast states (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama) and local governments, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Historic Preservation Fund.

Leases resulting from this sale will include stipulations to protect biologically sensitive resources, mitigate potential adverse effects on protected species, and avoid potential conflicts associated with oil and gas development in the region.

In addition, BOEM has included appropriate fiscal terms that take into account market conditions and ensure taxpayers receive fair market value for use of the OCS. In recognition of current hydrocarbon price conditions and the marginal nature of remaining Gulf of Mexico shallow water resources, these terms include a 12.5% royalty rate for leases in less than 200 m of water depth, and a royalty rate of 18.75% for all other leases issued under the sale.

Lease Sale 254, livestreamed from New Orleans, was the sixth offshore sale held under the 2017-2022 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. Under this programme, 10 region-wide lease sales are scheduled for the Gulf, where resource potential and industry interest are high, and oil and gas infrastructure is well established. Two Gulf lease sales will be held each year and include all available blocks in the combined Western, Central and Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Areas.

Stay at Home: What does it mean for Louisiana's oil and gas industry?

by GIFFORD BRIGGS PRESIDENT, LOGA

The Governor has announced Shelter in Place protocols. While it is critical that we do our part to flatten the curve, activities that are necessary for the production of oil or natural gas are considered essential services.

We are going to have to use our best judgement to determine what is essential. If you can work from home, please do. Here is the link to CISA guidelines for identifying critical infrastructure workers during the COVID-19 response.

Additionally, we continue to work closely with our federal delegation to fight for the health and future of our industry during the oil price crisis. Here is the letter they have penned to Vice President Pence, US Trade Ambassador Lighthizer and to the Secretaries of the US Department of Commerce, the US Department of the Interior, the US Department of Energy.

Our COVID-19 resource page is live and we continually update it with resources for you. Bookmark and share www.loga.la/covid-19 for the latest information.

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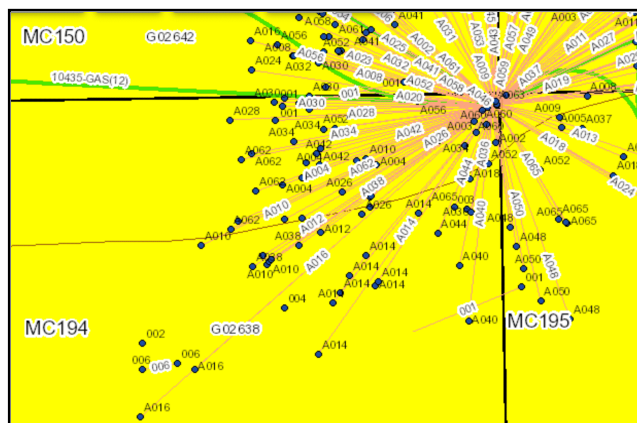
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Texas RRC Chairman Wayne Christian: We must stabilize worldwide oil markets

By WAYNE CHRISTIAN, CHAIRMAN, RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS on 3/25/2020

Never in my life have I seen such uncertainty in the world. What am I supposed to do? How long will it last? What will happen next? As COVID-19 wreaks havoc on our healthcare system and economy, there are no easy answers. American businesses and workers are justifiably worried about its impact on public health and the economy, and their own health and personal finances. As a result, people are suffering.

Over the last month, our stock market has gone from record highs to multi-year lows at an unprecedented pace. Stocks have dropped faster in recent weeks than they did during the Great Depression. In the energy sector, reduced demand and a poorly-timed feud between Saudi Arabia and Russia has driven oil prices to 20-year lows.

As the regulator charged with overseeing the oil and natural gas industry for the State of Texas, I am very concerned about the impact that international oil market instability has on the Texas economy, state budget, and the hundreds of thousands of Texans, who rely on the oil and gas industry for a paycheck.

Producing 40 percent of our nation's oil and gas, Texas is the largest producer in the United States, and the United States is the largest producer in the world. This production provides jobs for more than 350,000 Texans, and it generated around \$116 billion in taxes and royalties for our state in the last ten years. These benefits could disappear overnight, if we do not find a solution that stabilizes the international energy market.

The matter of proration. One idea floating around is to "prorate" or limit the production of crude oil. The idea goes something like this: by limiting production, you limit supply; by limiting supply, you raise the price. If you want to raise the price further, limit supply further; if you want to lower the price, lower (or eliminate) production limits. It's a crude (pun intended) attempt at price-fixing. My agency, the Railroad Commission of Texas, adopted "prorating" in the late 1920s, but abandoned the practice nearly 50 years ago. The Railroad Commission has not prorated the production of crude oil since 1973.

As I stated last week, I have many reservations about prorating crude oil production in Texas, particularly without enforceable commitments from other states and nations to limit their production by a similar amount. I am not alone in holding these concerns. The Texas Oil and Gas Association (TXOGA) and the American Petroleum Institute (API) recently issued statements that similarly echo my unease regarding prorating.

Despite making relatively few and clear statements on my concerns regarding pro-rationing, my point of view on the matter has been greatly mischaracterized as out-right, hard opposition. Statements like "Christian poured cold water on Sitton's plan," are factually incorrect and are made simply to imply a political battle between two Republican elected officials. The truth is, the idea was proposed by private industry, and Commissioner Sitton and I have not even spoken about this idea, due to restrictions in place as part of the Open Meetings Act. *(Editor's note: The Commission's meeting scheduled for March 31 has been cancelled, due to the Coronavirus and restrictions on large gatherings).*

What I am opposed to is Texas acting unilaterally and without concern for our producers and economy. Any action taken by Texas must be done in lockstep with other oil producing states and nations, ensuring that they cut production at similar times and in similar amounts.

Getting the word out. I have been in contact with the Department of Energy, the steering committee of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, and several of our U.S. Congressmen to express the seriousness of this situation and the importance of moving quickly to find a solution. Much like it is in our nation's best interest to manufacture consumer goods and pharmaceuticals domestically, it is imperative for us to fight for the long-term future of our oil and gas industry, and the national security that comes along with it.

Since taking office, President Donald Trump has used his position to negotiate the best trade deals possible, putting America first. When asked about the current oil crisis, the President stated, "At the appropriate time, I'll get involved." Mr. President, I strongly urge you to act now. Now is the time. Our energy independence and national security depend on it. (source: World Oil)

Shell—Did You Know? By Judi Adams

Shell Oil's history is filled with fascinating facts - featuring everything from world firsts to great artists. Here are a few of my favorites for a perspective on Shell Oil.

Did you know Shell fueled the first 20,000 km flight?

It happened in December 1926 with a non-stop flight from Zurich to Cape Town, piloted by Walter Mittelhozer. In order to take aerial photos of his flight, Mittelhozer brought a navigator/photographer. It took him 77 days, starting in Zürich on December 7, 1926, flying via Alexandria and landing in Cape Town on February 21, 1927. He was not only a pioneer of geo-photography, he also co-founded SwissAir.



Did you know Shell was a roadmap pioneer?



Satellite navigation systems may be sending road maps to the history books, but Shell was one of the first to create road guides for the early motorists. Many of these maps have been saved and Shell maintains an archive of examples extending from 1931 to 2010. I worked with a geologist who collected hundreds of Shell maps and Shell memorabilia that he bought online with eBay and other auction sites. You can still buy all kinds of vintage maps with online auction sites. A Shell Pennsylvania map from 1932 shows a woman and her beau cruising under a collage of license plates. By 1933, she was on the cover solo, taking advantage of the freedom and power she had driving on her own. Oil companies often portrayed women on their maps being attended by eager attendants at a service station. The gas station was a clean, safe, and friendly haven for the woman behind the wheel.

Did you know Shell was one of the original computer pioneers?

Shell has always been quick to adopt new technology, and computers were no exception. In 1953, Shell Labs in Amsterdam was the first site in the Netherlands to use an electronic computer in a production environment. The computer, a Ferranti Mark I*, was designed at Manchester University (with help from the legendary Alan Turing). It was named the **MIRACLE** – which stands for Mokum's Industrial Research Automatic Calculator for Laboratory Engineering. Notice that in the 50s/60s when this photo was taken, there are women working in the computer labs.

When I joined Shell in 1990, my team shared one personal computer, which we had to sign up (on paper) for an hour or two of use. There were large Sun workstations in dedicated interior rooms but they were strictly for use by the most senior geophysicists. By the late 90s, everyone was getting a desktop PC, but the workstations were still limited use. In 1991, a workstation and the software to do petrophysical analysis cost more than \$20,000.



Stay tuned for more next month.

Coping with Covid-19 by Kenlie Fite

I know that many of us are fighting feelings of isolation now as we adjust to the season we're currently in. I joked about it in a recent post on Instagram, but it really is a big adjustment. This is the beginning of week four for me because my recovery from pneumonia took a long time. I'm still waiting for my vocal cords to heal so I can talk again, but I'm thankful that I've had some time to adjust to our "new normal."

Most of us are modifying our schedules, fighting the temptation to live with anxiety, and watching this global crisis change and grow more quickly than we would have imagined a month ago. We're hoping that we bought enough food and supplies last time we were at the grocery store, and we are wondering when things will get back to normal.

We're striving to be cautious without giving into fear, and everything seems to be changing so quickly that it's hard to keep up.

I'm not a doctor, but I am a graduate student in Public Health, and my concentration is Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences (GCHB). My specific coursework is focused on Health Education and Communications. It is interesting to see how so much of what I'm learning as a student at the [Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine \(SPHTM\)](#) lines up with my faith.

I love behavioral sciences and the Lord, and as someone who spends time reflecting everyday, I feel equipped and empowered to get through this season. It's not because I'm perfect because I can assure you that I'm not. But I do believe that I have some helpful tips to help you stay hopeful and connected during these tumultuous times.

- **Connect with someone everyday.** Texting is cool, and social media is awesome for times like these. I'm also a big fan of *FaceTime* and *Marco Polo* (an app that allows you to video chat).
- **Do something that you usually wish you had more time to do.** For me, that means reading more. I'm thankful for the ability to buy books on Amazon, and I'm even more thankful for Hoopla, which gives access to e-books, audiobooks, and more through the public library. I've also used this time outside of my regular routine to learn to use my Cricut, and I plan to make some homemade cards this week.
- **Go outside.** Take a walk, or sit in the sunshine for a while. It's in the 80's here in New Orleans, and I'm thankful for ability to enjoy the warmth and sunshine.
- **Try a new recipe or make one up.** If you haven't been to the grocery store in a while, I suggest preparing your heart before you go. Even if cooking isn't usually your thing, it's a great time to try making something new. Whether you try making pigs in a blanket or homemade ravioli, getting creative in the kitchen is a good way to entertain yourself. I'm going to make homemade dog treats, which is something I haven't done before. I hope Oliver likes them!
- **Read. Your. Bible.** There is nothing more powerful in the world than the Lord, and His peace is available to us. Devotional books are awesome and definitely worth our time and effort, but nothing is as powerful as hearing from God. The Bible is literally God's character in print, so use this time to hear from Him. If you're not sure where to start, check out The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7, or read a chapter a day from Proverbs. You can access it online too at Bible.com. *The Word of God sustains us and satisfies us in a way that nothing else can, so be intentional about spending time in it.* You don't need to race to read it from cover to cover either. Reading one verse and dwelling on it

- **Check on your loved ones.** It's easy to become self-centered in times like these, but if you're reading this, you have the ability to reach out to those who may not be as tech savvy as you are. Call your elderly relatives on the phone to check on them. Ask them about their day and actively listen while they talk. Thinking of others is a great way to take your mind off of your own worries and frustrations, and it will brighten their day as well.
- **Exercise.** Our bodies crave movement, and while gyms are closed, we can do workouts at home or around the neighborhood. I finally feel well enough to enjoy riding my bicycle again, which is awesome.
- **Make a list of reasons that you're grateful.** There's so much negativity floating around now, and honestly, you can always find negativity if you're looking for it. Instead, look for the positive things that are happening in your life. Even if they seem small, those positives add up, and being thankful changes our perspective.
- **Be gracious with yourself and others.** Yes, I talked about this yesterday, but I can't say it enough. It's always important to offer ourselves grace, but it's especially important as we reconcile the days we envision and the reality of each day. It's okay if they don't match up perfectly.

I realize that there are people struggling with burdens that I don't have to carry. If you are one of those people, I want you to know that the Lord desires to carry those burdens for you. His Word says, "Come to me all who are weary and heavily burdened, and I'll give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) That's His promise to you.

The world is panicking right now and with good reason. It's scary, and if we place our hope in what we see in the news, in politics, or in social media, you'll probably find yourself feeling overwhelmed...maybe even hopeless.

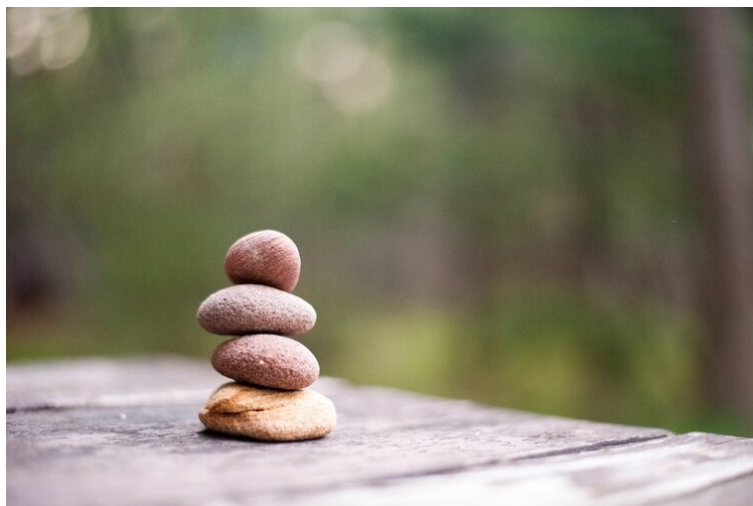
But, as believers, we can be filled with hope because Jesus also said, "I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

This season is filled with opportunities to trust God, to seek Him, and help others see His goodness. We can walk in wisdom and confidence because God is leading us. We can be the reason someone believes God is good, but that will require us to look beyond our own inconveniences, to find ways to be uplifting and generous.

What are you doing to maintain peace during this season of change in your life? Do you have tips to add to this list?

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Part 2 By Jude Theriot MD

6. Emotion plays out across the whole body.

The whole body, not the brain, is the true arena of emotion. Therefore emotional health is about more than just brain health. My long-term effort as a neurologist over the last twelve years has been to de-emphasize the role of the brain in the treatment of emotional health. This de-emphasis of the brain has become necessary because in our rush to zoom in on the brain, mistakenly thinking the riddles of the mind and human emotion could be solved by cutting the brain up into finer and finer pieces, zooming in closer and closer on its neurons and neurotransmitters, we zoomed right past the person. Brains don't have emotions. People have emotions. So a corrective zooming back out from the level of the brain to the level of the whole person is necessary. Emotion plays out across the whole body, and our approach to treatment must consider the whole person, not just the brain.

7. Physical health and emotional health overlap.

Once you recognize that the whole body is the true arena of emotion, you re-focus your approaches to treatment to include more body-centered approaches.

An example of a body-centered approach might focus on a person's diet and its relationship to a person's emotional health. There are more neurons in a person's gut than in a person's spinal cord, making it a major component of our nervous system, and mood disorders such as anxiety and depression, not to mention conditions like autism, have significant gastro-intestinal symptoms. These conditions have also been shown to correlate with the composition of the microorganisms that colonize a person's gut. The exact relationship remains elusive, but there's clearly a relationship.

Another example of a body-centered approach might focus on the body's musculature and skeletal system—regimens of yoga or physical therapy, for example, or more passive pursuits such as massage.

Poor sleep, chronic pain and the use of mind-altering substances such as alcohol or marijuana, are also important aspects of physical health to consider.

8. Emotion is about more than you.

Emotions don't exist in a vacuum. They play out in the context of the relationships we engage in. In other words, there's a strong social aspect to emotion. So when you're talking about emotional health it's important to zoom out from yourself to consider your relationships with other people.

Emotions play out beyond the level of the body. Humans are social creatures and emotions drive a large part of that social dimension. The bonding between mother and child. Peer pressure. Toxic relationships. Sexual attraction. There are strong emotions in all of these relationships. Since emotion plays out in the relationships we have with people, we can focus our approaches to treatment there.

An example of an interpersonal approach to treatment of emotional health is talk-based therapy with a psychologist or a therapist. When it comes to emotion, we often can't see ourselves clearly, and through dialogue with a trained professional we can become more aware of our emotional habits, and we can learn to express our emotions in a safe setting. And of course, even dialogue with an untrained professional—conversation with a friend—can be good for our emotional health. Another example of an interpersonal approach would be group-based therapy, such as a support group. Emotion plays out between people and animals too, as anyone with a pet or support animal knows.

9. Natural spaces are good for your emotional health.

When you study any animal you have to consider the animal's environment. You have to zoom out from the body of the animal to consider the ocean the octopus swims through, the dirt the ant crawls through, the trees the monkey swings from branch to branch through. This is also true of the human animal. Especially when it comes to human emotion, it's important to consider the spaces we live in and move through, because the space around us can have both positive and negative effects on our emotions.

Humans live on land and move through space. I often think about what it was like for humans to walk through the spaces of the world thousands of years ago. Today we're more comfortable with roads and air-conditioning and seldom venture out into natural spaces. We've flipped our whole way of living on the earth, and when we put ourselves back into natural spaces, it reminds us of our larger home, this planet we call Earth. The Japanese tradition of forest-bathing would be an example of an approach to emotional health that's based on the therapeutic value of natural spaces. Our increasing distance from nature is at the root of much of what ails us—both as individuals, and as a species. Open spaces are rapidly disappearing, and we're spending more and more time in virtual spaces—on our phones, on laptops, on one screen or another—and yet there's no substitute for natural three-dimensional space. Even the most realistic screen is still two-dimensional, and when we live too much of our lives interacting with this flatness, it takes a toll on our emotional health.

10. Emotional health can be practiced.

Emotion isn't something you are or something you have. Emotion is more like something you do. And emotional health is something you can learn by doing. By repeating it over and over you can get better at it. In other words, it's something you can practice. In fact, the most important thing that people are not doing when it comes to their emotional health is, they're not practicing it on a regular basis. You might have a workout routine for your physical health. What are you doing for your emotional health?

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LOUISIANA – WHERE DID WE COME FROM AND HOW DID WE GET HERE?

By: Dottie Ancona

In 2018, Louisiana celebrated its 300th Anniversary. Its history began with the formation of land and the civilization of the Indians 1000 years before the rise of ancient Greece.

French settlers came first to the river ports to do business with the world, but the Spanish took control of the river and its major waterways to keep intruders from their lucrative holdings south, east, and west of Louisiana.

Louisiana is a Jambalaya of cultures. Germans and Acadians came to farm in the prairies of the southwest. Islenos from the Canary Islands settled in the lower Mississippi area to farm, fish, and hunt. Africans, Caribbeans, Filipinos, French, and Spanish came to the coastal marshes attracted by the long 270 day growing season. The Red River and Cane River areas became the home of a mixed heritage of Spanish and Mexicans from Texas.

After statehood, in 1812, Anglo and Scotch-Irish immigrants came to the north and west central parts of the state in the hill parishes. Here they farmed cotton, corn, and fruit trees and developed the lumber business.

Pre and Post Civil War, black farmers migrated to the northeastern parts of the state to farm the Ouachita, Tensas, and Mississippi River basins. English settlers from the thirteen original colonies moved into the rolling plains of the Felicianas to grow cotton and harvest lumber. Dalmatians came to the area of the passes and Deltaic Plains to farm the seas where salt and fresh water mixed to produce oysters of great size and excellent taste. Many other nationalities settled in the lower Mississippi Valley to plant citrus trees in the rich river soil.

Our Parish names can give us a key to the immigration of people and the time they came. Indian names like Natchitoches and Avoyelles indicate where the tribes lived. Saints' names and other religions names were given by the French where they settled: St. Mary, St. John, St. James, Ascension and Assumption. Spanish names like Iberia and the Felicianas tell us where the Spanish lived. American names like Washington, Grant, Madison, Jefferson, Monroe, Lee, and Jefferson Davis indicate where Americans migrated after 1803.

A million years ago there was no Mississippi River or Louisiana. The site was a part of a large body of water, an extension of the sea from the continent of North America. After the Ice Age as the ice melted, it wiped out old drainage systems and rerouted others. The flowing water meandered southward. As the delta filled, the sea retreat-

ed, leaving Lake Pontchartrain. Three thousand years ago, the river's main channel was the present Bayou Teche. In the second century A.D. the Mississippi was taken south by Bayou Lafourche in a region that would be known as Plaquemines. During the 16th and 17th centuries the river was levee-bound in its present path, passing Baton Rouge and New Orleans on its way to the Gulf of Mexico. The Mississippi River starts in Lake Itasca, Minnesota and ends in the Gulf covering 2340 miles. It is the third largest river in the world.

INDIAN INFLUENCES: The first evidence of Indians were thought to be of the Mongolian Race in 12,000 B.C. They settled along the Gulf Coast and lived in crude dwellings and hunted with spears. In 1730 B.C. and 1350 B.C. came the Poverty Point Indians in and around Vicksburg, Mississippi. This was a highly advanced civilization that flourished for almost 1000 years.

South of Monroe, Louisiana lived an earlier culture of mound builders dating back 6000 years. In the years 0 to 300 A.D. the Marksville Indians settled in the Barataria Basin in southeast Louisiana along with the Florida Indians.

By 1700 A.D. there were 20,000 Indians living along or near the Mississippi River Region. Names familiar to us now are the Tunica (now associated with casinos), the Opelousas, the Natchez, and the Tchoupitoulas who lived in what is now Metairie. The Anakapas lived in Evangeline Country. There were 15,000 Choctaw living in what is now northern Mississippi.

In Louisiana, the Houmas lived on the Esplanade Ridge near today's St. Louis Cemetery #3 in New Orleans.

The Indians of Louisiana were divided into three linguistic groups – Tunican, Caddoan, and Moskhogean. Their cultures were advanced. Today Caddo Parish is also associated with casinos. The Moskhogean were proficient in bakery and metal work. They formed an alliance with the French and aided them in fighting. They grew sassafras which was ground into file powder, an important ingredient in file gumbo of today.

Where are the Indians now? Mostly in Mississippi and Louisiana while others have fled to Oklahoma. In Louisiana, the bulk are in St. Mary Parish and others in the northwest corner of the state. A 1980 census reported 12,063 American Indians.

The next big influence of names in Louisiana came from the arrival of the French and the Spanish. This will be covered in another article.

Reference: Louisiana, the First 300 Years.

