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GRETNNA, LA

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Club President's Newsletter

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May 2020

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Dear Westbank Members,

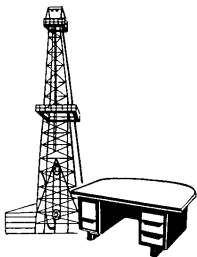
Spring is here...what gorgeous weather we've had over the last few weeks. As we practice social distancing, we're still able to enjoy the cooler temperatures and work in our gardens or walk throughout our neighborhoods.

The Board of Directors has agreed to err on the side of caution and cancelled the May General Membership Meeting due to the stay-at-home orders surrounding COVID-19. To keep you informed, each month there is not a general membership meeting, you will receive a monthly update via email, along with the Treasurer's Report. Our Oil Patch editor will also continue to publish an online version of the club bulletin. This way once we return to normal, everyone will be current with club business.

I pray that everyone is safe and stays healthy.

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	CANCELLED		
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)	CANCELLED
May 20 (teleconference)	May 27 CANCELLED
June 17	June 24—Scholarship/IAN
July—NO MEETING	PENDING —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	PENDING—Holiday Brunch

May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 <i>Pam Lauckner</i>	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Linda Lofton</i>	16
17	18	19	20 <i>Board</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Kathy Denley</i>	30
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The Board of Directors met on April 15 by teleconference.

Relevant info:

The Board reached consensus to **cancel the May membership meeting**; the May Board meeting will be via teleconference.

ADDC President Keith Atkins' and Region Director Susan Miller's letters are in the bulletin and on the ADDC website.

All 2020 Region Meetings have been cancelled.

Members who paid for Southeast Region Meeting registration have either been re-funded or their unprocessed checks were shredded.

Correspondence: Cards were sent to Dawn Ott, Alice Gros, Sigrid Vedros, Kathy Denley and her mom, and Flo Messall.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. There were no questions or corrections; the report was e-mailed to members. The 2019 audit of the Treasurer's Books were completed. One item is being addressed by the Board; otherwise the books were in good order and the treasurer was commended for a great job.

The April bulletin was emailed and link was posted. Deadline for May issue is May 1st.

The Board has postponed action regarding changes to the Scholarship Committee forms and guidelines until we are able to meet face to face with Board and members.

A field trip to J&M Marine is tentatively scheduled for September/October.

Plans for brunches in July and December are on hold.

The Board approved that the Scholarship Committee can use the 2019 and 2020 funds, augmented by up to \$300 by club funds, to award \$1,000 to all six applicants.

All community service projects except Cards for Soldiers are suspended during the quarantine.

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)

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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!! Or go through
your own stash of cards and sign, sign, sign!!



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)

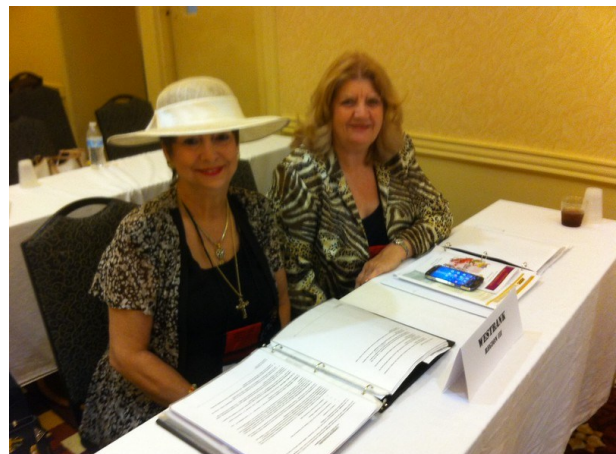
They prefer non-glass containers for safety reasons.

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)

Throwback Pics





2009: Elaine and Cheryl
 2010: IAN Program Cover
 2011: Judi w/ Bessie
 2012: Jackie, Angie, Linda
 2013: Theresa and Susan
 2014: Bonnie and Susan
 2015: Glenda and Cora
 2016: Theresa, Gaylen, Susan, Alice, Judi
 2017: Birthday Meeting-Club Members
 2018: Crawfish Boil-Members & Guests
 2019: Sylvia, Judy, Linda, Alice, Debbie





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May 2020

Dear Members,

What a year this has been! Who would have thought that the Earth really did stand still? Weddings, Graduations, Parties, and Region Meetings all had to be cancelled or re-scheduled at a later date. Yes, it did hurt having to cancel our Region Meeting Cruise but this CO-VID19 is not letting up and the safety of our members is our top priority.

Families are bonding, people are helping others out who cannot help themselves, many working out of their homes now, zoom classes, and home schooling are part of our normal now. People are making the best of it, and we hope they are adhering to the Governor and the President to stay home unless they must go out for essentials.

I do want to thank everyone who sent Angie, Judi, and me lovely notes, emails, and calls about the work we did keeping the members informed and their condolences about the cancellation.

Congratulations to Margie Steed of the Red River Club who will be the Region Director for 2021; she will be holding her meeting in the Houston area hosted by the North Harris/Montgomery Counties Club.

The Awards of Merit were mailed to the Southeast Region Presidents and I want to personally congratulate each and every one of the members who received the Awards.

Hoping we all get to see everyone at a Desk and Derrick Meeting when the stay at home order is lifted. Please bring a guest to the meeting and get them interested in joining our fine organization.

I want to thank the Westbank Club members for your support during this time and I'm truly looking forward to seeing you in person soon. I do still plan to visit a few clubs from around the Southeast Region when I am able to travel again.

Prayers to all our members and their families that everyone stays safe and that we will be getting together soon. I know I miss my family and my Desk and Derrick family too. We know there have been plenty of challenges, but we will get through this.

Susan

Region Reports



Region Director Susan Miller

What a year 2020 has been for my year as Region Director for the Southeast Region! It started off with the Budget & Planning Meeting in Tulsa in February. A very productive and long meeting (I might say) but informative and enlightening. No one realizes the amount of work and time that the Board puts in for you, the Desk and Derrick Member. A lot of hours were dedicated to the Budget, Committees, and Strategic Planning for the future.

We need to start building up our members for our future, bring a guest to a meeting. If they do not understand what is going on with the speaker, they will definitely learn if they join Desk and Derrick. Remember, it is not just oilfield related as in years past but Allied Industries also. Think about doing it. The Association must survive, and we need your help doing it. The Southeast Region has a total of 206 members, Association is around 886, we need to raise these numbers as you can see.

Well, all the planning and worrying about the Region Meeting Cruise did not happen but a decision had to be made for the safety of our members. This Pandemic made the Earth stand still and who would have thought that would be happening. We all are coping and adhering to the instructions given by the President, Governors, and our Association Board. Life happens and changes must be made to secure the safety of our family and loved ones.

A great big thank you to the Presidents of each club for your hard work this year, the Association Board for keeping us posted during these times, Sheryl Minear, Parliamentarian who was guiding me through the procedures of the Region Meeting. Thanks also to Angie & Judi for doing a fantastic job planning the Region Meeting. My assistants, Bonnie & Dottie for being there for me with some of the planning and the Westbank Club for all the support they have given me.

Congratulations to the Region Director-Elect Margie Steed from the Red River Club who will be holding her meeting in Houston, Texas next year with host club North Harris Montgomery County.

I was so overwhelmed with the emails, notes, cards, texts, etc. sent to Angie, Judi & myself thanking us for all the work and planning for the Region Meeting that did not happen but they completely understood. We appreciate you, the members, for totally understanding and now we see why we had to cancel.

We will get through this, as my motto says with “**Membership** (the members who love this Organization) **Fellowship** (we all are working together to thrive and stay connected) and **Leadership** (guiding us through these times to a brighter future)

As I said at Regional Meeting in Victoria, Texas last year, We can't change the direction of the wind, but we sure did have to adjust our sails.

Desk and Derrick Club of Baton Rouge Club

President Lisa McCoy

The Baton Rouge Club held their Annual Industry Appreciation Mardi Gras Ball in January. This has been a very successful event every year for our club with a good attendance.

February's Guest Speaker was Mr. Scott Kirkpatrick, Executive Director of the Capital Region Industry for Sustainable Infrastructure Solutions. He had a very informative presentation entitled "Building the South Bridge" which is very much needed in the Baton Rouge area.

March and April's meetings were cancelled due to the Corona Virus Pandemic as everyone is aware of what is going on in our country and all over the world

The Baton Rouge Club would like to thank Susan, our Region Director, Angie and Judi, General Arrangements, for all their hard work and planning for the Region Meeting but we understand why everything had to be cancelled. The Safety of our members were top priority and we appreciate that. Thanks again for all the time that was dedicated to the meeting.

Desk and Derrick Club of Corpus Christi

President Dorothy Jordan

The Corpus Christi Club "hit the ground running" in 2020 with fund raising and great luncheon meetings.

In January, we continued our Diaper drive that was started in December 2019, benefitting the Portland Pregnancy Center. Our generous membership provided several cases of diapers and wipes. We had the chance in our January Meeting to view the video presentation on "Receivership Leases". This video was very informative and led to interesting discussions on the subject.

February...Super bowl!! Our club took this opportunity to have a Super bowl pot fundraiser for our Scholarship program. Not only was it fun, but it provided much needed monies to our program. Our February meeting had Mr. Jeff Neves, VP of Amshore US Wind as the speaker. His subject was "Renewable Energy in Texas". This was a new subject for most of us – what a wonderful educational opportunity!

Our club continues with two other fundraisers, Boon Supply and Shop with Script Gift cards. These have become our steady moneymakers for our club Scholarship Fund.

Our club, having 14 members, is going forward into the year with a positive attitude for our future, despite the changes we have all had to make during this pandemic. Our Board and Membership have kept in contact through email and other social media, showing support for one another.

The ADDC National and especially our SE Region Director have kept us informed throughout this whole situation and we are thankful. We pray for the safety and good health for all our D&D friends and their families.

Desk and Derrick Club of El Dorado, AR

President Patricia Defee

Madam Director, Delegates, ADDC Officers and fellow members, I am Patricia DeFee, 2020 President of the Desk and Derrick Club of El Dorado. This is my first time representing the El Dorado Club. It's been a long time coming and required a really hard push from my Desk and Derrick family. However, I am grateful for an organization that pushes, and most importantly, encourages me to step out of my comfort zone to become a better leader, employee, coworker, and friend.

Our Club would like to say thank you to Director Susan Miller, Judi Adams, Angie Duplessis, and the Westbank Club for all the hard work and effort they put into planning the 2020 Southeast Region Meeting. If not for the Covid-19 pandemic, we have no doubt that the 2020 Southeast Region Meeting would have been a fantastic adventure at sea.

The El Dorado Club is the only Arkansas Club. We were chartered in 1953 and have entered our 67th year in the ADDC. We began 2020 with 15 renewals, plus one honorary member. We hold our meetings on the second Tuesday evening of each month at Applebee's. The Club provides appetizers, sodas and water for Club members and guests. Meeting attendance has been strong this year, with an average of 8 in attendance at every meeting.

With the loss of business support, and such a small membership, it has become harder to obtain speakers for every meeting. Our Program Committee started the year out strong though, with several interesting videos. January found our Club learning how wood chips are being used as a renewable energy source. In February, our Club watched a video on drilling for oil in the Arctic Circle - how Russia became the world's first producer of Arctic Oil. The March meeting informed us with a training video for the onshore drilling industry of lessons learned from the Oklahoma blowout and fire at the Pryor Trust gas well in 2018.

During March, as the pandemic became widespread in the US, a stay at home order was issued, and like so many others, most of our members began working from home. Our April meeting was cancelled due to the pandemic, Applebee's being closed and not having a place to hold the meeting. For the next few months, I am looking at the possibility of having virtual meetings. This is still in the planning stages. However, once our meetings resume, our Immediate Past President (and currently President Elect), Rick Morgan will be giving our orientation program. The rest of the year promises good programs or speakers, including our Summer Social in August and Industry Appreciation in October if permitted, and wrapping up with our annual business meeting in November and officer installation in December.

Our Field Trip committee began the year with plans for a tour of the "Little Grand Canyon", near Chidester, AR, the solar power fields in Camden, AR, and a coal mine in Fulton, AR. With all the closures, dates for these field trips are being discussed for later in the summer or in the fall.

The El Dorado Club continues to sell RADA Cutlery twice a year, in July and December and has an annual Superbowl football board each year as our main fundraisers. We are always on the lookout for good fundraising ideas and look forward to hearing what other Clubs in our Region are doing to get new ideas.

Each month our Community Relations Committee asks members to bring items for various local community service organizations. Our outreach assists such organizations as Hospice, Hope Landing (a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing therapy for children regardless of the family's ability to pay) and Turning Point (local shelter for victims of domestic violence). Our Club also collects money at Christmas to purchase non-slip socks for seniors in local nursing homes.

Of our current 15 members, eight (8), had made plans to attend the Southeast Region this year. We were all disappointed the meeting had to be cancelled and appreciate all the hard work and planning put in by the Westbank Club, our Region Director Susan Miller, and our GACs Judi Adams and Angie Duplessis. Kudos ladies for planning an outstanding adventure for all of us in the Southeast Region.

My motto for this year is ABILITY, MOTIVATION, ATTITUDE!

ABILITY is what you're capable of doing.; MOTIVATION determines what you do; ATTITUDE determines how well you do it. We all have the ABILITY, MOTIVATION and ATTITUDE to make 2020 a great year! I am very proud to represent the Desk and Derrick Club of El Dorado as the 2020 Club President.

Margie Steed – 2021 Southeast Region Director Elect

Desk and Derrick Activities:

Association: 2020 Rules Committee; 2018 Leadership Resources

Club: 2017-2020 Director; 2015-2016 President; 2014 Secretary

Attended 4 Conventions and 5 Region Meetings

Business Experience: From 1991-2007, worked in Land Department for various companies

Self-employed Landman since 2008

Education: Continuing education classes and seminars; Notary Public

Personal: "Anyone who knows me knows I love meeting people, cultivating relationships and being a part of a group effort to enhance day-to-day knowledge."



Desk and Derrick Club of Lafayette

President Angela Cutrera

The Desk and Derrick Club of Lafayette, chartered in 1951, consists of 39 members who strive to fulfill our motto of “Greater Knowledge – Greater Service” as we promote education in the oil and gas industry and professional development through guest speakers, field trips, and seminars.

Since the 2019 Southeast Region Meeting in Victoria, Texas, industry and professional development education were provided by Brady Trahan from T. Baker Smith, Michael Schexnailder from Halliburton, Jeremy Angelle from Frank’s International, Jim Winner from Dale Carnegie, and Donald Thibodeaux, the Medical Director with Safety Management Systems/Acadian Ambulance.

We tested our Desk and Derrick knowledge as we played “Who Wants to Be a Desk and Derrick Millionaire” presented by club member Kathy Martin.

An Educational Seminar “Faulting & Subsidence in Southern Louisiana” was conducted in October of 2019 by Dr. Gary L. Kinsland, ULL Professor of Geology and Petroleum Engineering.

In 2020 Gregory B. Upton, Assistant Research Professor at LSU at the Center for Energy and Public Policy, spoke about “Our Gulf Coast Energy Outlook” and Daniel Espamer, CEO of the Pelican Institute for Public Policy in New Orleans, spoke about the loss of jobs and companies in Louisiana in the energy industry and bringing these back home.

This February, we traveled to the BP Training Facility in Schriever, LA, for a very informative and super fun field trip. This facility has over 80,000 sq.ft. of oil and gas training operations and provides first-class training to prepare individuals to go offshore and work on a drilling rig.

Also in February, Publicity Chairman Brittney Clark and I met with Lafayette Parish Mayor-President Josh Guillory for a photo-op and presentation of a Proclamation declaring March 2020 as Desk and Derrick Awareness Month.

And then in March 2020, everything came to a screeching halt due COVID-19.

In spite of the challenges faced in 2020, it is an honor to serve this fabulous Lafayette Club.



**Lafayette Desk and Derrick Club
goes on a field trip to BP Training
Center in Houma**

Desk and Derrick Club of the Morgan City Area

President Val Blanchard

Good afternoon, I am not going to bore you all with how many times I have stood before you to give this report, most of us are repeating positions in our clubs on a regular basis. Our seven members work hard to try to encourage friends, coworkers and strangers to attend our meetings but unfortunately for many various reasons we haven't had any luck at recruiting new members. We refuse to give up but it is becoming very daunting.

Our members support those of us who are able and willing to take on more than just club duties on the Regional and Association level. I am very grateful for that.

Our programs are the duty of the Vice President and so far, we have been able to continue our education, motivation, self-improvement and wellbeing through these programs in order to meet requirements.

Every year we donate to the Toys for Tots, St. Mary Parish Outreach and Chez Hope. We struggle to earn enough money to continue to send our delegates to Region Meetings and Association Conventions and it is our desire to one day, once again, to be able to offer some type of scholarship to deserving students.

Would the members of the Morgan City Club present please stand and be recognized. Thank you for being here.

Wishing you all the best for the future in your travels, dreams and hopes!



Installation of 2020 Officers

L-R Margaret Kreider, Treasurer; Susan Miller 2020 RD; Val Blanchard, President; Ella Banks, Director; Susan Ashton, Secretary; Deborah Stevenson, Vice President

Desk and Derrick Club of New Orleans

President Carol Schiavone

We began 2020 by reading some of the letters that we received from recipients of the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Christmas project that we participated in. This effort goes to less fortunate people in Mozambique and Syria to the Bahamas and across the United States. Our members get together at our November meeting to fill the shoe boxes with school supplies, T-shirts, small toys, personal items such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and many other much needed items. They are then taken to the post office and mailed to various places around the world. We are happy to report we have 30 renewals (one being honorary). This year, as was the case in 2019, many of our members each month volunteer to be a speaker for an upcoming meeting.

In January Grace Coppola presented a program on "Is the World a Wash in Oil?" February's meeting was presented by Dianne Badeaux, "We are urged to Recycle" who enlightened us on recycling, which are acceptable plastics, and which are not. Plastics with the marking of "1" or "2" on it are considered for recycling. In March Dianne Badeaux once again spoke to us on "LOOP" Louisiana Offshore Oil Ports, and a brief description of March – National Women's History Month. We are planning a Bunko's Game to be held at New Orleans Hamburger and Seafood Restaurant located in Metairie, LA, in July, if possible.

It is not yet known how many meetings we will miss due to the Covid-19 Virus. We can plan and only hope and pray that we will meet again soon to continue our desire to learn more about the ever- changing challenges in the industry. We may be unable to get together physically but we can continue to email, text, and phone our extended Desk and Derrick family to see if they need anything, or just to talk.

I'm sure you have heard this to many times you could repeat it in your sleep, but "WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER." - Improving Our Vision in 2020

North Harris Montgomery Counties Desk and Derrick Club

President Donna Altomari

NHMC started the year with 8 members. In January our program was an overview of the year. What kind of program speakers would we like to have? What kind of activities we could do to promote Desk and Derrick in the community. One of the things we will doing is volunteering to work the Houston API Golf Tournament in the Fall. We are also planning a couple of field trips to expand our knowledge of the Oil and Gas Industry.

In February a report about the status of the Oil and Gas Industry from The International Energy Agency was presented. They forecast that North America will be the center of oil and gas production by 2040. IEA forecasts North America will produce more oil than every region of the world except the Middle East and more natural gas than any other region. Crude Oil is expected to double.

Our March program was going to be on Horizontal Drilling, but due to Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting was cancelled.

The April Meeting has also been cancelled per the Houston Mayor stay at home order due to the pandemic.

North Harris looks forward to hosting the Southeast Region Meeting next year in Houston April 21 – 24. More information will be forwarded to the Presidents in the future.

Red River Desk and Derrick Club

President Bobbie Trust

Madam Director and Fellow Club Presidents, as the 2020 President of the Red River Desk and Derrick Club I am honored to be serving as President again this year.

Since last Southeast Region meeting, Red River has been busy. Last May we had our Industry Appreciation and Advisor night. We had two Louisiana Tech students that applied for our Phyllis B. Powell Scholarship. Each student was given \$4000.00 for their 2019 Fall Semester.

Since 1997 we have awarded \$260,000.00 dollars in scholarships. They must maintain a 3.0 average (on a 4.0 scale) and have completed at least two years of Undergraduate study in a accredited four year University. They must also be pursuing a degree in the Petroleum or Allied Industry and demonstrate a need for Financial Assistance.

Red River hosts and participates in many activities that provide us with the means to provide scholarships to assist college students in their pursuit of careers in the energy industry.

Another one of these activities is the Red River Invitational Golf Tournament that is held every October. Money from this event also provides money for the scholarship and essay contest.

Our Essay contest is also held in October. This is for middle school students and provides an educational opportunity for them to learn about various aspects of the industry and a chance to win a monetary award for them and their teachers. Past topics include "My Life Without Natural Gas", "How Foreign Oil Exports Affects Us ", "My Career in the Oil and Gas Industry" and last years topic was Running on Fossil Fuel.

With the Covid-19 Pandemic we have had to cancel our Sporting Clays Tournament that is held in April. We are always available to help out other Oil and Gas Organizations with their events and some because of our help will donate to our Educational Fund.

Becky Hutchings our First Vice President and Program Director has some great speakers lined up and due to the Covid-19 stay home order we have had to cancel our meetings until further notice. We look forward to having them re-schedule.

I want to thank the Red River Club for allowing me to represent them for 2020, this year will definitely be in the history books! This is my fifth time as President and it is always rewarding to be part of such a great organization. These members work very hard to keep our club going and I am very proud of each of them.

Red River is celebrating its 38th year and to date we have 23 members.

I pray each day for our Industry and for everyone's safety from this dreadful Covid-19 Disease.

Desk and Derrick Club of San Antonio

President Kathy Johnson

I am honored to serve as the San Antonio President for the 5th time. It makes me proud to lead and serve such a great group. We all have limited time resources and where we choose to invest the time must be made with a deep understanding of the impact that time spent can have on any given community. As a professional organization, I find it very important to continue to remind our communities of the value of our industry. Failure to do so would be devastating to our livelihoods and all the conveniences we enjoy for a relatively low cost that make our lives wonderful.

In the midst of new terms, such as COVID-19 and the first time of seeing oil trade at a negative, it is clearly evident that we need to show our relevance more than ever. My thoughts and prayers go out to all our Allied Industries and oil workers.

The 2020 theme for the San Antonio club is: "Empowering Education in Energy". For the first quarter of the year, we have been off to a very slow start with very little activity due to our current circumstances with the shelter in place requirements from our leaders and that has caused us to not be able to serve in our communities as we had anticipated. We anxiously await when we can gather again and be involved in our communities.

One event we were able to serve at was the Coalition Blowout in January. This is a dinner and dance event brought together by the allied industries, with door prizes, a silent auction and a live auction. All proceeds are split between 7 groups to support their scholarship and educational programs, including our club. We have been doing this for many years and it is always great to catch up with friends and acquaintances. We look forward to being able to do this again next year.

March and April have been very quiet. We typically prepare for the Scholarship awards we give out in May during this time. Due to schools closing and the learnings coming from home-based teaching, we have not had access to the school counselors like we have in years past. This will not prevent us from handing out our annual scholarships, though, because we are going to visit with our recipients from last year and award them a second scholarship if they meet the scholarship requirements. In June, we hope to invite them and their families to our monthly general meeting and recognize them for their efforts.

Other ways where we serve during this time of year have been put on hold until the social distancing is relaxed. We are currently not meeting each month until we are allowed to do so again, but I have been communicating with our members through various channels to see if any of them need help, as well. The Girls Inc. STEM fair will be rescheduled for later this year and look forward to participating in it. We have been supporting this event for many years and have lots of fun visiting with the girls and guys that come to our booth to make Energy bracelets. There are lots more activities that we will be doing throughout the year, including fieldtrips and the Industry Appreciation Dinner.

It is a great honor for the San Antonio club to have members that are currently serving or have served on the ADDC board. These women have dedicated their time, talents and energy to help make the Association a better place. In doing so, they have been examples to all of us. Special thanks to Evelyn Green for all your hard work over the years. In preparing the future, we must continue to develop a strong leadership focused on making our membership better. We all need to consider what we bring to the table and step up to help where we can. The San Antonio club is ready for the realignment and we look forward to what the coming years bring.

Desk and Derrick Club of Victoria

President Lori Lawrence

My name is Lori Lawrence and I am a 3rd time President of the Victoria Club. We were looking forward to the 1st ever cruise for a Region Meeting, and our club was planning to be in attendance. Sadly it wasn't meant to be this year with the COVID-19 pandemic. On top of all that, who could have ever predicted a barrel of oil going in to the negative values on the stock market? One thing we can all say for sure about 2020 is that it has been quite the ride. Despite all of that, looking back at the year since our last Region Meeting, the 1st ever SE Region meeting that we hosted in April, 2019, the Victoria Club has held our own, even with just six members! At the 1st part of the year, we had another member join, bringing us up to seven members, with hopes of bringing more in.

We've had a variety of speakers and fun activities at our meetings. In July, our club celebrated the 44th birthday of our charter. We met at Chili's and shared a meal with a birthday cake. August was Industry Appreciation, where Victoria County Precinct 4 Commissioner, Clint Ives spoke. We were able to award four very deserving students scholarships. Becky Perez, 2014 Region IV Director completed our installation of officers in December. It was certainly a "sweet treat" to have Becky lead our installation.

We also had the honor of having Val Williams present "The Biggest Oil Spill You Never Heard About" earlier this year. It was a very interesting presentation, and drew the biggest crowd we've had at a meeting for many years. We are still hoping that some of those that attended will be able to join as members. We've had some great speakers over the past year, including Laura Janak with Rawson, who spoke about office safety, and Rick McBrayer and Jena West with the Victoria County Office of Emergency Management speak about hurricanes and their impact on the oil rigs. Mike and Donna Tater, with TSI Industries, also shared information with us about concrete testing. For March, we played BINGO, Desk and Derrick Club of Victoria Style! Even our members who weren't in attendance were able to play online with us, while they were on the phone. It was a blast, and we all took a piece of history or a new fact home with us.

We also completed several community service activities this year, including preparing and serving food at Christ's Kitchen, which serves the less fortunate in Victoria. We also prepped flags for Warriors Weekend, as well as assisted with the take down of the field. Due to the Corona Virus, Warriors Weekend is moved to October and will also be honoring first responders. If you would like to honor a veteran or a first responder, please reach out to us.

The flags will proudly fly at the Field of Honor, “in memory of” or “in honor of” your veteran or first responder. We held our 31st annual golf tournament in October and were able to clear \$10,000! We are still working through the plans of this year’s tournament. The status of our world, country, and industry is a bit up in the air right now, but we are still hoping to move forward with our 32nd annual tournament in October. Only time will tell....

A special “Thanks!” to each and every member who put hours, upon days of time planning for the 2020 Region meeting. From the bottom of our heart, we truly understand all of the time and effort it takes to plan the meeting, and greatly appreciate all that you did to make the cruise meeting memorable!

Our club wishes the best for each of you, your club, your family and your friends, as our entire world encounters the effects of the pandemic. We will keep each of you in our thoughts and prayers as we “put one foot in front of the other” to make it through.



Victoria Desk and Derrick Club plays D&D Bingo—March 2020

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank

President Angie Duplessis

The Westbank Club is 33 members strong.

We began 2020 with our first program, a representative from Phillips 66 who educated our members on the building of the Ace Pipeline which will connect Tx to the Louisiana Alliance Refinery. Our February speaker shared with us the "Evolution of Waste Disposal from the Greeks to Now". In March, all hell broke loose with the COVID-19 Pandemic. The 2020 Southeast Region Meeting was cancelled along with other region and club meetings. Since Governor Edwards issued his stay-at-home order, we all have had to adjust to working at home, some of us unemployed, and those with children have become teachers.

Our Program Committee has procured speakers from Louisiana State University, Tulane University, a geologist, a representative from Waring & Associates and NOGS. October will be our Orientation Program, sharing with everyone the history of our club, the levels of D&D, and answering any questions the audience may have. We will complete the year with our Installation of Officers.

In April our club celebrated its 44th anniversary. I am hoping that our club will be able to meet in May and have our celebration. The month of June we host our Industry/Education Appreciation Night.

Throughout the year we have many other projects planned such as: participating in the API Meritorious Service Awards, the API Technology and Annual Joint Society Luncheon, the Deep-water Technical Symposium & Exhibition, writing Holiday Greeting cards for soldiers, a food drive for the local food bank, and participating with Toys for Tots during Christmas time. What better way to let the community know about D&D, than to get out there and let them know what we are about? Be sure to check out our club's website for the latest happenings.

All our Committee Chairmen are diligently working, planning activities to increase our goal towards Greater Knowledge-Greater Service. Our Scholarship Committee is busy putting together the final touches on our annual Bunco to be held on Saturday, August 1st. Other Committees are busy as well... planning field trips, socials--including a White Elephant Brunch (where those in attendance bring a recycled gift item (that must be unused to exchange), Industry Appreciation Night and our annual Christmas Brunch.

It is with great pride that I announce in June the Westbank Scholarship Fund will give out six \$1,000 scholarships. Since 1998 our club has given over \$139,000 in scholarships to high school & college students. Throughout the year the club makes donations to the scholarship fund in honor of our Program speakers, field trip sponsors, and memorials. Donations from outside entities are an integral part of the scholarship fund's success.

I am privileged to represent the Westbank Club. What makes the Westbank Club unique? I believe it is the willingness of our members to work together. We are proud to belong to the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs and we will continue to share and educate the surrounding area about Desk and Derrick through our monthly programs, seminars, field trips, and community service projects.

Since I have only a short time to boast about my club, please visit our website for further details on Westbank's activities. Remember... **"We Can Do It."**

2020 Southeast Region Awards of Merit

Best Small Bulletin:

- 1st Place – Baton Rouge—Bayou Gusher
- 2nd Place New Orleans—Desk and Derrick Times

Best Large Bulletin:

- 1st Place (TIE) – Lafayette—Desrick/**Westbank**—Westbank Oil Patch
- 2nd Place Red River—Gusher
- 3rd Place – San Antonio— The Gusher Energy

Best Industry Article:

- 1st Place – Lafayette—Reflecting on the Histories of Lafayette Desk & Derrick Club and LAGCOE
- 2nd Place – San Antonio—Energy
- 3rd Place – Baton Rouge—BP & Shell Encourage Leadership Thru LA Youth Seminar

Best President's Letter:

- 1st Place – San Antonio—John Tyson
- 2nd Place – **Westbank**—Angie Duplessis
- 3rd Place – Victoria—Lori Lawrence

Best Desk and Derrick Article:

- 1st Place – **Westbank**—She Had a Dream
- 2nd Place – Red River—A Biography of D&D and its Leaders
- 3rd Place Lafayette—BRAVING-Rumbling with Trust

Best Industry Program: 1st Place – **Westbank**—Bonnet Carre Spillway

- 2nd Place – Victoria—Rocks! Dirt! Concrete!
- 3rd Place – Lafayette—Remote Medical Care and Its role In the Energy Industry

Best Desk and Derrick Program:

- 1st Place – **Westbank**— Are You Smarter Than a Board Member?
- 2nd Place – Victoria—Ready, Set, Match!
- 3rd Place – New Orleans—20 Questions

Best Industry Seminar:

1st Place – Victoria—DNow—What's the Plan?

2nd Place – Lafayette—Faulting and Subsidence in Southern Louisiana

Best Industry Field Trip:

1st Place – Victoria—What's this "Power" trip all about?

2nd Place – **Westbank**—IWS Gas and Supply

3rd Place Baton Rouge—Every Man a King—LA Old State Capitol

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May 2020

I hope the month of May finds you all well. I'm happy the winter temperatures are gone here in the South and the April showers have washed away the pollen that causes so many of us allergy symptoms. Looking out my windows now, it is a beautiful sunny day, temperature in the 70s, and all the trees full of beautiful green leaves. I hope everyone can enjoy some time outdoors, safely, as we all need to continue social distancing until this crisis is over.

The Board wants to reiterate that the health, safety, and well being of our members is ultimately the most important thing to consider these days. While there is a great risk in having monthly meetings, we urge clubs to NOT have physical meetings while your areas still have active cases and increased risks of infection. For 2020, meeting requirements will NOT be enforced. With the success we are seeing with meetings conducted through web applications like Zoom, Webex, and others; we know that clubs have some resources for having meetings and educational programs during this time. If you have someone in your club with the technical savvy to help make that happen, your club can keep members engaged during the pandemic. Just know that while this is a great option, clubs are under no obligation to meet right now.

Two regions have officially conducted region business as of the time of this letter. The West Region has elected Heather Woods from the Farmington Club as the 2021 Region Director. The Southeast Region has elected Margie Steed from the Red River Club as the 2021 Region Director. Congratulations to Heather and Margie! Thank you for stepping up to share your knowledge and help lead your regions next year! We all hope and pray that life will be back to normal in 2021 and we will be able to resume our physical region meetings.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the plunging oil prices have hit our membership hard. Businesses have cut spending, laid off employees, and even shuttered their operations. As of the end of April, we have less than 900 members with all active clubs having sent membership renewals. That equates to another 16% decrease in membership. With the uncertainty of the industry and our impacted members getting back to work, the Board has reviewed the financial obligations of our contract with the Sheraton Pittsburgh with the Finance Review Committee. We feel the likelihood of having the necessary attendance at Convention in September to meet the financial obligations of the contract are questionable. The chance of losing tens of thousands of dollars this year are more than we can afford to risk. The Force Majeure Clause in our contract could possibly free us from the contract if we cancel completely, but we would likely incur legal costs

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getting out of it. The Sheraton will allow us to move our contract to 2022, without any financial cost incurred. We will have to renegotiate room costs and projected number of room nights used based on changes made to the convention format that take place in 2021. With that change, the meeting of the Board of Directors at Convention takes place on Thursday, instead of Tuesday. This brings the Board in on Wednesday instead of Monday, reducing the number of nights necessary for each board members by two, lowering the ADDC cost of the Board at Convention. It also reduces the number of room nights used for the Convention, which affects the contracted Convention room rate, therefore, we will have to renegotiate the total number of rooms needed and the anticipated food and beverage costs, which could change the final room rates. That information will be shared at a future time.

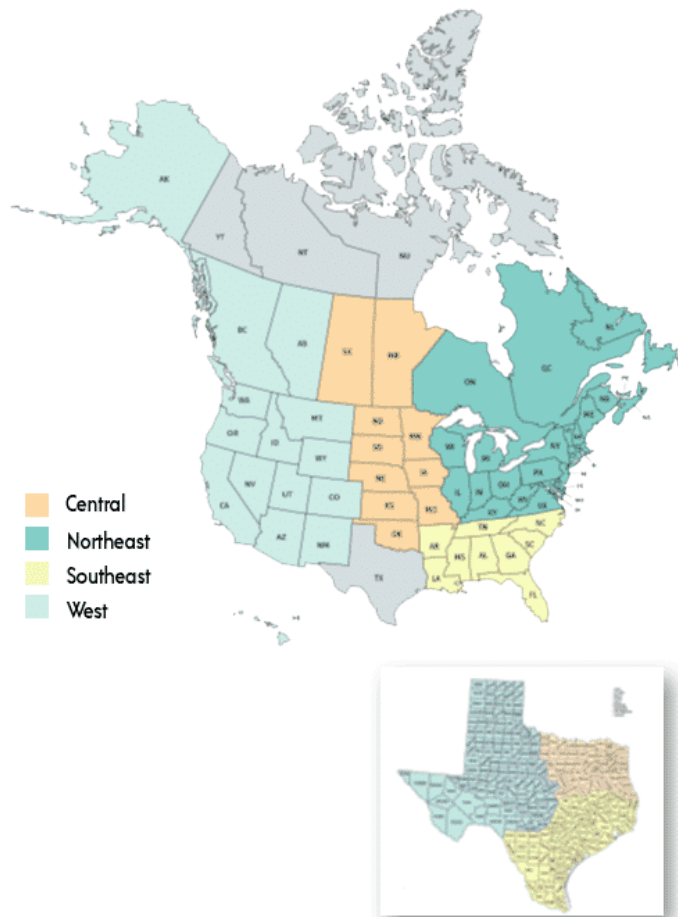
The move of the 2022 Convention to Pittsburgh will mean moving last year's approved 2022 Convention site of Albuquerque, NM to 2023. Any plans currently in the works for 2023 will need to be pushed to 2024. This was not an easy decision, but necessary to ensure the Association does not suffer the devastating blow of the possible financial loss of an unsuccessful Convention this year.

Not having our annual Convention and Educational Conference is unprecedented, as is almost everything we see happening around us in 2020. Over the next several months, we will be working on the details for handling necessary business of the Association for 2020, such as any urgent Bylaw changes, election of officers, etc. by mail-in or electronic means. We believe the normal Convention Board Meeting this year can be handled by electronic means, so there will be no more physical board meetings in 2020. Please bear with us as we navigate through these uncertain times.

Until next month, please continue to take care of yourself. Don't put yourself in any unnecessary risk.

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

Keith



2020 Annual ADDC Convention has been cancelled.

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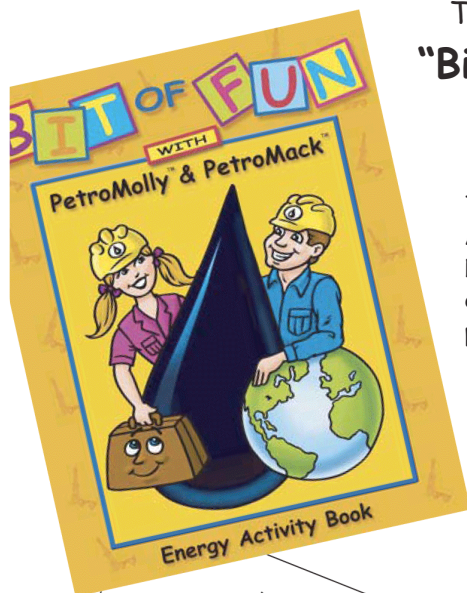
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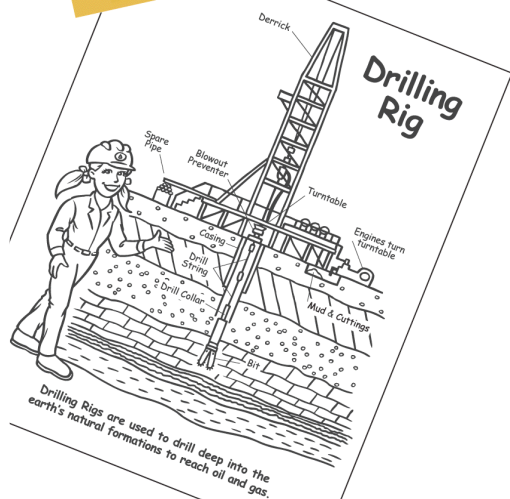
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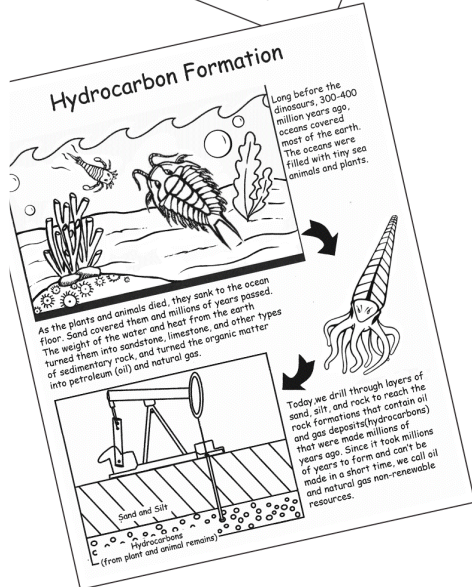
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Orphan Wells by Judi Adams

During the 2014 oil price collapse, many operators declared bankruptcy and the state went into a prolonged recession. This left Louisiana with nearly 2,000 new “orphan” oil and gas wells, posing a risk of environmental crisis if left unplugged. The 2020 price crash created even more orphans, with a 50% increase according to an audit by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s Office. The state must pay to plug these wells, as they are considered abandoned by the operators.

The audit says that the Department of Natural Resources Office of Conservation is lagging with enforcing operators to plug unused wells that are not yet abandoned, but the Conservation office also hasn’t conducted many re-inspections of hundreds of wells that are non-compliant. The office has made a lot of improvements since 2014 when a scathing audit warned about the state fees being inadequate to cover the regulation of in-use wells and cleanup of abandoned ones. From 2016 to 2019, 109 (64% of 168 major violations) remain uncleared.

The state still is at high risk of spending millions to shut in hundreds of abandoned wells, as officials haven’t been able to require energy companies to provide enforceable closure agreements. An auditor warned that the improved regulatory practices in place since the 2014 audit actually caused a 50% increase in the number of wells for which the state is financially responsible. As of January 1, 2020, there are 4,295 orphaned wells; it is estimated that it will take up to 20 years and \$128 million to plug them safely.

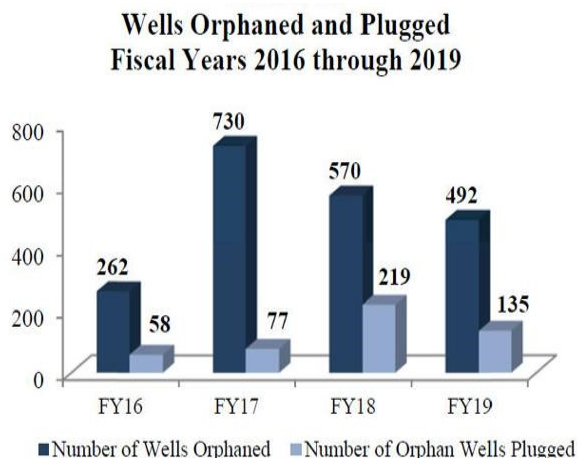
This is an estimate based on average cost of \$30,000 to plug a well. However, that doesn’t take into account emergency actions, like the \$8.8 million spent last year plugging two wells deemed environmental and public safety risks. Add to this, a dozen financial institutions have not paid the \$5,000,000 owed the state for well closures, as of February.

A spokesman for the Department of Natural Resources fears another increase in orphan wells due to the rock-bottom oil prices we are facing now. More struggling firms will soon be out of business. Some wells date back for a century – inactive or marginally productive.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City did a survey of oil and gas firms and reported that only 61% of firms believe they can remain solvent at \$30/barrel prices.

Louisiana has made it tougher for well operators to avoid having financial security guarantees, but only 2/3 of the state’s 52,826 wells have such a guarantee. Even though this is a 25% increase since 2014, the state still is not requiring companies to put enough money aside to cover closure and plugging costs. The cost of plugging 145 wells in 2019 was much higher than the security requirements.

Source: nola.com



Source: Prepared by legislative auditor’s staff using data from SONRIS.

Crude Oil Trading at Lowest Price in History by Kati Hyer (www.loga.org)

On Monday April 20, 2020, West Texas Intermediate futures (WTI) traded below \$11 a barrel for the first time since 1986, reaching as low as \$10.63 early Monday morning, indicating a drop in price of over 80% since the beginning of the year. WTI has not traded in single digits since December of 1973. However, when adjusted for inflation, this is the lowest price that oil has traded in U.S. history. (<https://www.macrotrends.net/1369/crude-oil-price-history-chart>)

"The crisis facing the industry is impossible to overstate," Louisiana Oil & Gas Association President Gifford Briggs said. "The global demand destruction of oil, caused by the worldwide shut-down of the economy, has sent prices to the lowest in history when adjusted for inflation. There is no magic pill that will save the thousands of jobs that will be lost, but we can immediately take steps to limit the losses."

"President Donald Trump has outlined a clear plan to get the economy moving again. It is time that Louisiana, Texas and other states work with President Trump to implement his plan as soon as possible, and lean on countries around the world to do the same. Until demand rebounds, if industry is going to survive we will need severance tax relief, royalty relief, and an end to the government sponsored coastal lawsuits. State leaders must take comprehensive action immediately or we will lose an entire industry, and the jobs, wages, families and communities that are sustained by it."

"Many of our members are being told they cannot deliver crude in May due to storage constraints, and as a result have begun planning to shut in 100% of their Louisiana production," Briggs added. "It's an absolute worst case scenario, a perfect storm."



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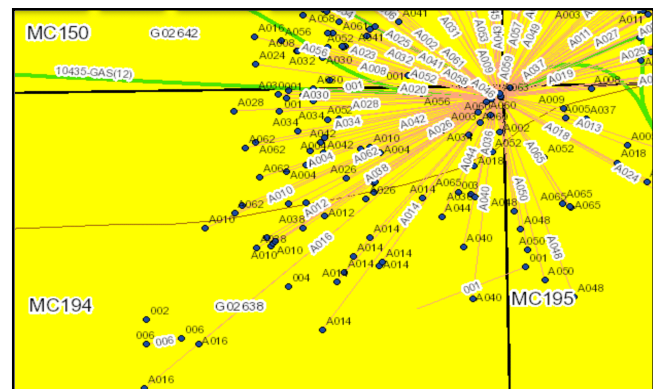
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Louisiana's Coast: 10 Years Post-Gulf Oil Spill—by Stacy Ortego

April 20, 2020 marks a very unfortunate anniversary. A decade has passed since the 2010 *Deepwater Horizon* (DWH) oil rig explosion spewed millions of barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico for nearly three months, resulting in the greatest environmental disaster in our country's history. It's a sad anniversary for the 17 workers who were injured and especially for the loss of the 11 lives that came to a sudden, early end and a decade of grief for their loved ones. It's an anniversary of significant damage of not only Louisiana's coastline, but of the entire Gulf Coast – a decade of planning and executing projects in an attempt to repair the devastating impacts on wildlife and ecosystems.

If there can be any silver lining to such a catastrophe, may it lie in the fact that it has also been a decade of opportunity. April 20, 2020 also marks an anniversary of a more robust coastal program. Fortunately, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) already had in place a master plan to prioritize coastal projects using the best available science to prepare for not only the next 10 years, but the next 50.

"Having this publicly-vetted plan already in place allowed Louisiana to immediately mobilize oil spill resources to implement projects that would contribute to the greatest possible recovery and the best long-term results," said CPRA Executive Director Bren Haase.

As a result of the DWH disaster, BP and others responsible for the oil spill were required to pay over \$16 billion for damages to the Gulf over a 15-year period. Louisiana will receive over \$7.29 billion of that money to put towards projects through 2031. In addition, the state will also receive \$1 billion for economic damages.

"The oil spill reinforced our responsibility to protect our coast and has given us the resources to construct game-changing coastal restoration projects in South Louisiana that have been envisioned for decades," said CPRA Chairman Chip Kline. "For the first time in state history, the progress we are making in restoring our coast is able to match the scale of the problem itself."

To date, money Louisiana has received from the legal settlement has resulted in:

- 9 projects completed (creating or benefiting 3,400 acres)
- 12 projects in or near construction
- 26 projects in design

Completed projects include the recent Queen Bess Island Restoration. The island, which lies northeast of Grand Isle in Jefferson Parish, is home to the fourth-largest Brown Pelican rookery in the state with about 15-20 percent of the state's total pelican nesting activity. Just last year, nesting pelicans were able to use only five of its 37 acres. Restoration of Queen Bess was completed in February. Just days after the last of the construction equipment left the island, biologist were thrilled to report that nearly 1,000 pelicans were on the island!



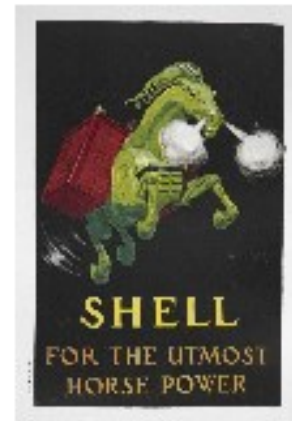
Upcoming projects include the long-awaited River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp project, a freshwater diversion that will reconnect the Mississippi River to the swamp, restoring one of the largest remaining coastal forested wetlands on the Gulf Coast. This project has been talked about long before the DWH disaster but will finally get its day! Currently nearing construction, the project will benefit approximately 45,000 acres of cypress tupelo swamp – bigger than any other project in Louisiana’s coastal program history to date.

Other major projects include the Mid-Barataria and Mid-Breton sediment diversions. Both the Barataria and Breton Basins have experienced significant land loss due to a lack of sediment input, hydrologic alteration, subsidence, sea level rise, and saltwater intrusion from the Gulf. Both projects are currently in the engineering and design phase.

Much has been done in the last decade and much more will be done in the next.

For more information on projects and funding, visit <http://coastal.la.gov/dwh10/>
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Early Shell Advertisements



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 more of my favorites for a perspective on Shell Oil.

Did you know that Shell was the first to successfully capture CO₂?

In 2015, Shell was the first company that successfully captured CO₂ via CCS technology. It happened at the Quest CCS site in Canada. The project was supported by the Canadian and Albertan governments. Currently, it's permanently capturing over 1 million tonnes of CO₂ annually: equivalent to the output of 250,000 cars. The technology involves pre-combustion capture from hydrogen production and the use of deep onshore saline storage areas.



Did you know that the Troll A platform was the biggest thing ever moved by mankind?

Taller than the Eiffel Tower, Troll A is the tallest and heaviest structure ever moved to another position. Troll A is also the largest concrete structure constructed offshore.



It's an offshore natural gas platform built in the early 1990s at a cost of about US\$650 million at the time. The base and the deck were built separately, and the platform was towed over 120 miles to the Troll field over a period of seven days. The harsh weather conditions prevented it from being built on-site, so a deep fjord in west Norway provided an ideal location for construction.

Did you know Shell commissioned famous artists for its posters and guides?

Back in the 1920s and 30s, Shell bucked the trend for using illustrators in advertising and marketing – they commissioned artists instead. And some of the people Shell worked with went on to become leading lights in the British art scene. At the time, Shell's advertising was run by Jack Beddington, who commissioned British artists including John Armstrong, Ben Nicholson, Edward Ardizzone, Duncan Grant, Paul Nash, Graham Sutherland, and Vanessa Bell.

Shell's County Guides were a much-loved series produced from 1934 to 1984. They were published to promote motoring as a leisure activity and to see and enjoy the great British countryside.

Overseen by leading cultural figures like England's poet laureate John Betjeman and artist John Piper, they combined literature, history, art, and design to promote the pleasure of driving to discover the country.

We'll have a few more next month.



LOUISIANA – WHERE DID WE GET THOSE NAMES?

By: Dottie Ancona

In a previous article we explored the early history of Louisiana, the development of the Mississippi River, and what the Indians contributed to our state. In this article, we will review the French and Spanish influences on Louisiana.

FRENCH INFLUENCE: Pierre Le Moyne, Sieur d'Iberville, a Naval Commander, was chosen by Louis XIV to lead and colonize the area and build forts for protection. Iberville began his search for the river, starting from the Florida coast and to Mobile Bay and its coastal islands of Massacre (now Dauphin Island) to Lake Borgne. Passing a group of islands on Candlemas Day (February 2nd) he named them Chandeleur Islands in honor of the day. On Mardi Gras Day (March 2, 1699) he reached the mouth of the Mississippi recognizing it for its fresh water. He traveled from the mouth to present day Baton Rouge and was then directed by the Indians to go south on the river to Pass Manchac (which means back door), through two lakes and into a bay. Iberville named the larger of the lakes, Pontchartrain in honor of his superior and the smaller one, Maurepas in honor of Pontchartrain's grandson. He named the bay, St. Louis in honor of the king.

In 1717 Louisiana was a colony of 700 people. Posters and handbills flooded France, Germany, and Switzerland offering free land, provisions, and transportation to those who would emigrate to the New World. They were told that Louisiana soils could bore two crops a year and the Indians loved us. Other promises of gold, pearl fisheries, and great weather as well as no diseases or old age completed the sales pitch. Paris promised 5,000 people. Prisoners were released with the provision that they marry prostitutes and go to Louisiana. These couples were handcuffed together for the voyage. Three thousand black slaves were also sent. In June of 1718 the first group of 800 immigrants arrived, doubling the population of Louisiana in one day.

Bienville had plans for the establishment of a trading post on the river. Having traveled extensively in the area, he selected a site from his first visit in 1699. He described it as “. . . the beautiful crescent in the river, where the river almost touched the lake... a spot safe from hurricanes and tidal waves.” (Well, he was right about the crescent.) In 1723 New Orleans became the capital of Louisiana.

Today in Louisiana, descendants of the early settlers still live in the parishes of St. Charles and St. John, originally called Le Côte des Allemands, now Des Allemands. The French Acadians cover many parishes in Louisiana where descendants still live and speak the French of their ancestors. The Acadian Village and Vermillionville in Lafayette accurately preserve these memories in their food, music, and view of life.

Areas in Louisiana established by the French are Bayou St. John, Natchitoches (the oldest city in Louisiana), Pointe Coupée, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and the German Coast (des Allemands).

SPANISH INFLUENCE In 1762, the French Minister of War and Marine presented Louisiana as a gift to Spain. It was actually a bribe offered to Spain to immediately sign the preliminaries of peace of the Seven Years War. In truth, France wanted to be rid of Louisiana! The transfer was done on November 23, 1762 but was kept secret for two years except for the kings of France and Spain knowing about it. In April of 1764, a letter from the French king to Governor D'Abbadie announced the cession of Louisiana to Spain. This did not go smoothly with the people.

Governor D'Abbadie died in February 1765 and Charles Philippe Aubry served as acting governor for one year until Don Antonio de Ulloa arrived on March 1766 to take control for the Spanish king. Ulloa was tactless, unsociable, unfit in temperament, and unsightly physically. He was ousted during a revolution.

Next to arrive was Don Alejandro O'Riley who was the complete opposite of Ulloa. He quickly reversed the events of the revolution and all involved were arrested and placed in confinement and eventually condemned to death, earning him the nickname, "Bloody O'Riley". His accomplishments as governor were many. He had a census taken (13,500 people), he established a governing body and erected a building for their use (the Cabildo – the Casa Capitular). The laws of Spain were substituted for those of France. He abolished Indian slavery and helped farmers by establishing land titles. A system of homesteading was begun. Roads and levees were built. It was O'Riley who divided Louisiana into 21 parishes. Today there are 64 parishes.

During the Spanish period, there was a population boom. By 1803 the colony had grown to approximately 50,000. Most of the immigrants were Acadians. They became permanent residents of the Lafourche-Teche areas known as the Acadian Coast.

Don Bernardo de Galvez was appointed governor in 1777. His father, Matias de Galvez was governor and lieutenant of the king in the Canary Islands and by a royal order recruited people from the Canary Islands to complete the Louisiana Infantry, thus the arrival of the Islenos. They settled in Valenzuela on Bayou Lafourche, Barataria along Bayou des Familles in Jefferson Parish, and La Concepcion (later San Bernardo) in St. Bernard Parish.

In 1792 the Baron de Carondelet began his administration. He was known as the City Builder. He created a system of lighting for New Orleans and he established a bilingual police force. He built a canal along today's LaSalle Street from Basin Street to Bayou St. John and by way of Bayou St. John to Lake Pontchartrain. This was called the Carondelet Canal and later the Old Basin Canal. He built forts and batteries around the city and made treaties with the Indians and started the first newspaper, *Moniteur de la Louisiane*. This was a French paper, published during the Spanish colonial period.

Today, the Acadians are still in the Lafourche-Teche areas. As late as the 1950s they had horses and buggies and few spoke anything but French. They left a legacy of a Cajun accent, Cajun cooking, and Cajun music which is still enjoyed in that area.

Many of the Islenos still live in St. Bernard Parish and in the Bayou Lafourche country. Others resettled in eastern St Bernard Parish and established the Delacroix Island fishing community. Before 1900 Ycloskey and Shell Beach were thriving communities of Isleno commercial fishermen.

Towns established in Louisiana during the Spanish Domination were Monroe (fort Miró), Plaquemines (Acadians), St. Bernard Parish (Islenos), New Iberia (Malaga Spaniards), The Felicianas, d'Estrahan, St. Francisville, Avoyelles, and Marksville.

Everyone living in Louisiana today enjoys a better life than his grandfather or great grandfather. He does not work as hard, has more free time, and more creature comforts. He is better educated and knows about the arts and world events. He takes great pride in explaining to visitors how to pronounce Callipoe, Terpsicore, or Melpomene Streets and how to spell Tchoupitoulas!

Our Jambalaya of cultures from French, Spanish, and Indian inhabitants all have contributed to what we are today and is a large component of our tourist industry. Leze le bon temps rouler!

Reference: Louisiana, the First 300 Years.



HOW TO BUILD AN EASY BREAKFAST BOARD

How about a breakfast or brunch board for Mother's Day? It is versatile and can be customized to your own preferences and what you have in the house. To make things super easy, you can use store-bought pastries. Serve waffles, croissants, muffins, and bagels or mom's favorites. Then you can add breakfast items like bacon and eggs. Boiled eggs are perfect as they can be made the night before. Scrambled eggs are also great when cooking for a crowd. Poached eggs can be made ahead and kept in a bowl of water in the fridge until you're ready to serve.

Try cooking bacon in a hot oven (you may be baking fresh muffins or heating the croissants anyway). Breakfast sausages, smoked salmon, slices of ham, or other cold cuts will also work well, as will cheese. And if you're serving bagels, don't forget the cream cheese.

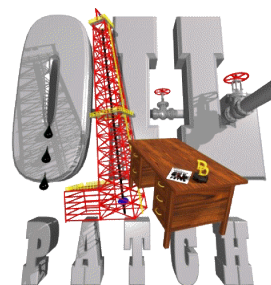
Finish the board off with butter, fresh fruit, small bowls of yogurt, jam, and cane syrup. Everyone can make up their own breakfast plates and you can all enjoy a cup of coffee, tea, or a glass of milk. Or iced tea, mimosas, wine, and margaritas!!



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