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Program/IAN: Angie Duplessis

Scholarship: NA

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2021				
BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS			
January 20	January 27			
February 17	February 24			
March 17	March 24			
April 14*	April 28			
May 19	May 26			
June 16	June 23			
August 18	August 25			
September 15	September 29**			
October 20	October 27			
November 10+	November 17++			
moved due to *scheduling conflicts and +Thanksgiving	moved due to **Convention and ++Thanksgiving			
No meetings in July and December				



Club President's Newsletter

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Linda Belsome Director

Bonnie Wall Director July 2021

Letter 7

Dear Westbank Members,

Here we are, starting the 2nd half of the year already. July brings us heat, humidity, and the possibility of hurricanes. July also brings us vacation time with family, picnics in parks, long and short road trips, and lazy evenings on patios. I hope we can enjoy some of the better things that July brings and minimize the others.

We don't have a club meeting this month, but we can still gather. Angie has a really fun (and delicious) White Elephant Brunch planned on July 10th. We have over 20 members and 8 guests signed up to attend. Call or email Angie if you aren't already in that number!

Check out the ADDC information in this issue. The 2022 Nominations have been announced. We'll review these, along with the proposed amendments to ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules in August. I'll also send the information out via email for you to review in advance.

Stay safe. Stay cool. Stay healthy.

I hope to see many of you – and your friends – at the brunch!

Judi Adams





What's happening with the Westbank Club?

Secretary—Theresa Adams

The May meeting minutes were approved at the June meeting; the June minutes have been emailed to members.

Treasurer—Debbie Brazeal

The May Treasurer's report was approved by general consent at the June meeting. We will email the June and July reports and review them in August.

General Arrangements—Elaine Lesnak, Chairman

There were 15 members in attendance at the June meeting; four (4) meals are owed. We will not have a meeting in July.

Membership—Susan Miller, Chairman

The deadline to get new members and guests approved is August 18th. Contact Susan Miller. Any new members will pay \$70 dues.

Scholarship

Mark your calendars for the Bunco Fundraiser scheduled for August 7, 2021.

Tickets are available now: \$20/person in advance and \$25/person at the door.

Susan Miller is collecting donations of money, food, and supplies for Bunco. Info is on pages 6-7. Contact Susan or Bonnie if you have donations.

Social

Angie has at least 28 members and guests signed up for the White Elephant Brunch to be held on July 10th at Gretna Depot! Contact Angie ASAP if you want to attend!

Community Service

Susan is still collecting items for the residents of the St. Joseph Apartments; contact her if you have any donations.

Bonnie is coordinating Cards for Soldiers; Grace Bankston and Susan Miller can help out if you have cards ready or need more cards to sign.

ADDC Convention

Plans are in full swing for 2021 ADDC Convention. Angie, ADDC President Evelyn Green, Angie Corvers (co-GAC), Lois Folse, and Judi Adams visited the hotel on June 25th to finalize some of the meeting room arrangements.



DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021

DOORS OPEN: 5:30 P.M. GAMES BEGIN: 6:30 P.M.

Food served before games begin
Menu: Spaghetti Dinner, salad, bread, dessert, soft drinks,
tea, coffee

We will follow all required safety/health guidelines.

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PLACE: IMMACULATA K.C. HALL

566 AVENUE D - MARRERO, LA.

PRICE: \$20.00 ADVANCE PURCHASE \$25 AT THE DOOR

All proceeds benefit the Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank Scholarship Fund

Westbank Desk and Derrick Clu	ub Bunco Do	onation List			
Item(s)	Quantity	Name	Item(s)	Quantity	Name
Bags of meatballs (150 apps)	4		Aluminum Pans		Judi (4)
10# Spaghetti		Judy Guillot	Paper Towels	3 (Rolls)	Theresa Adams (3)
Hunt's Spaghetti Sauce	5 gal cans		To Go Boxes	20	
Creole Seasonings	4 packs		Quart-size bags	1 box	Sylvia Hohmann
Ground Meat	1 pack (L)		Napkins		
Sweet Basil (chopped)	1 pack		Spoons/Forks		
Garlic (chopped)	1 pack		Dinner Plates		
Rolls (30 count)	3 packs	Cheryl LeBeouf (3)	Dessert Plates		
Lettuce	3 bags	Cora Bergeron (3)	Salad Bowls	•	
Croutons	1 bag (L)		Money	\$50	Angie
Parmesan Cheese	1 jar (L)	Dottie Ancona		\$20	Charlie
Butter	2 tubs				
Italian dressing	1 (S)	Sylvia Hohmann			
Caesar dressing	2 (S)	done			
Vidalia dressing	1 (S)	done			
Salt and Pepper		done			
Diet Coke	4 (2 Liter)	Linda Belsome			
Coke	4 (2 Liter)	Judi Adams (4)			
Cora's tea		Cora Bergeron			
Water	3 (cases)				
Sprite	2 (2 Liter)	Judi Adams (2)			
Diet Sprite	1 (2 Liter)	Judi Adams (1)			
Desserts					
Brownies					
Angel Food Cake					
Watergate		Vera Ledet			
Mini-muffins		Alice Gros			
"Dessert"		Cheryl LeBeouf			
Pralines (for sale)		Cora Bergeron			

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank will be collecting items for the residents at the St. Joseph Apartments in Gretna.

We can make a difference in the lives of these senior citizens with just a little donation of the following items:

Men's/Ladies' socks, books, combs, brushes, shower caps, tissues, travel soaps, shampoo, conditioners, pens, stationery, games, small food items, or any other items you think they may need.

The residents of the St. Joseph Apartments will appreciate it.





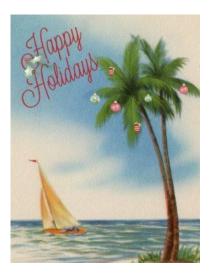


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2021 CARDS FOR SOLDIERS

DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

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

We have set our goal of 2,021 cards for 2021!

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Let Bonnie know if you need cards to sign; if you have some left from last year, sign them and drop them off at her house. Let's beat the goal!

No Region Director Letter has been received as of July 6. When club presidents receive the July newsletter, it will be sent by email to membership.



Board of Directors

PRESIDENT **Evelyn Green**GBC Minerals, Ltd

PRESIDENT ELECT **Philana Thompson**Merrion Oil & Gas Corp

SECRETARY Connie Bass New Tex Trucking

TREASURER **Barbara Pappas**Cobra Oil & Gas Corp.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT **Keith Atkins** Murphy USA Inc.

PARLIAMENTARIAN Sheryl Minear, RP Silver Oil & Gas Inc.

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July 2021

Happy 4th of July! It is wonderful that we live in this great nation – the U.S.A! Cities are getting back to "normal" after the year long delay. Summer is definitely here.

This year is certainly going by very fast – here it is July already. Not sure where the time has gone. It seems like just yesterday I was writing my January 2021 letter and here it is – July. All I can say is WOW!

The Registration Packet for the 2021 ADDC Convention and Education Conference, to be held at the Astor Crowne Plaza French Quarter in New Orleans, Louisiana September 21-25, 2021 has been sent out to the Regional Directors to be distributed to the Membership.

The Registration Fee is \$250 for each Member. You can also find the Registration Packet on the website under "Convention" and also under "ADDC News".

You can make your hotel reservations by following this link: https://book.passkey.com/e/50167145.

All rooms are \$169 for a single, double, triple or quad. Be sure and make your reservations as soon as possible.

The Southeast Region Clubs are excited to host this year's convention in New Orleans, Louisiana - WHERE *IT ALL BEGAN!* The seminars, field trips and lots of free time to explore New Orleans await you. Certification class – "Accounting" – will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd by Sheryl Minear, the 2021 ADDC Parliamentarian. Field Trips will be Wednesday and Seminars will be held on Thursday. Friday and Saturday will be our Business Sessions.

It has been some time since we have all been able to be together and I look forward to seeing all of you in New Orleans. As we don't know what the State of Louisiana Guidelines for Meeting in person are going to be in September, as we get closer, you will be kept up to date with their requirements.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Board.

Evelyn

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."

- Helen Keller



Board of Directors

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PRESIDENT Evelyn Green

GBC Minerals, Ltd

June 15, 2021

PRESIDENT ELECT

o: ADDC Club Presidents, ADDC Board

Philana Thompson Merrion Oil & Gas Corp

From: 2021 ADDC Nominating Committee

SECRETARY Connie Bass

Re: Nominations for 2022 ADDC Officers

New Tex Trucking

TREASURER **Barbara Pappas**Cobra Oil & Gas Corp.

The ADDC Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for 2022 ADDC Officers. All nominations were received by the June 15th deadline.

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President-Elect Secretary

Treasurer

Barbara Pappas, Wichita Falls Club, Central Region Wendy Sparks, Oklahoma City Club, Central Region Heather Woods, Farmington Club, West Region

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT **Keith Atkins** Murphy USA Inc.

The Candidates' qualification and goals are included with this letter and will be posted and emailed out to the Club Presidents.

PARLIAMENTARIAN **Sheryl Minear, RP** Silver Oil & Gas Inc.

Details for any additional nominations which may come "from the floor" and the instructions for voting are still being worked out through our current and past Parliamentarians.

CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR **Kay McKinley** Thank you to Linda Rodgers and Maggi Franks for helping me server on this committee.

NORTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR Cindy Krebs Sincerely,

SOUTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR Margie Steed

Christina Forth

WEST REGION DIRECTOR **Heather Woods** Souder, Miller & Assoc. Christina Forth
2021 Nominating Committee Chair

CC: Sheryl Minear, 2021 ADDC Parliamentarian

2022 ADDC Officer Nomination

Candidate for: President Elect

Name: Barbara Ann Pappas

Club: Wichita FallsRegion: Central

Employer: Cobra Oil & Gas Corporation

Current Position: Production & Regulatory Compliance Supervisor

Desk and Derrick Activities – Member since 2006

ADDC

Officer: Treasurer: 2021 Secretary: 2014 Region Director: 2013

Committee: Certification; Contest; Leadership Resource; Long Range Planning;

Membership; Strategic Planning

REGION

Treasurer; Social Media; Parliamentarian; Nominating; GAC

Seminars: Certification – presented Oil and Gas Marketing (2019)

CLUB

President: 2018, 2011



As President-Elect I will assist in the performance of the President's duties; aid with the duties of the Association as are required of the office. I will preside over meetings should the President be absent during any time of the year. As President-Elect, I promise to provide the membership with knowledge of our organization and our industry. I will continue to provide transparency during my year as an Association Board member. As a leader, mygoal is to encourage growth of membership by thinking outside the box with new

2022 ADDC Officer Nomination

Candidate For: Secretary

Name: Wendy Sparks

Club: Oklahoma City Region: Central

Employer: Carle Gungoll Exploration LLC

Current Position: Revenue Accountant

Desk and Derrick Activities – Member since 1997

ADDC

Officer: Secretary/Executive Assistant-2019; Treasurer-2018; Regional

Director-2017

Committee: Membership; Registrar; GAC - 2019

Region

GAC; Nominating

Club: President (2014, 2016, 2021)

Nominee Goals:

To be aggressive and determined to do my best to keep our clubs viable, active and productive. To recruit members, help with fundraising ideas and be available to hear ideas and concerns. After being ADDC Secretary in 2019 and having served on the board for three years, I have learned so much about the Association and all the moving parts. I know I am ready to take the next step again and apply my knowledge of all the ins and outs of motions, voting



and record keeping on the Association level. I have been a part of this organization for over 24 years and feel I have the knowledge to continue to be one of one of its leaders!

2022 ADDC Officer Nomination

Candidate For: Treasurer

Name: Heather Woods

Club: Farmington Region: West

Employer: Souder, Miller & Associates

Current Position: Project Geoscientist

Desk and Derrick Activities – Member since 2015

ADDC

Officer: Regional Director-2021

Committee: Certification; Leadership Resource

Seminars: Certification – presenter for Geology segment (2021)

Region

Region Meeting Committee

Seminars:

Club

President: 2019

Nominee Goals:

As I have experienced this year as a Region Director, the reports provided by the Treasurer are *very* important for the Board to make informed decisions and to provide the Clubs with clarity on the disposition of the Associations finances. As Treasurer, I will make the timely provision of these reports priority. As a member of the Board, I support the responsible allocation of the Associations' resources through a balanced budget and a self-supporting Convention.



History of Oil & Gas in Louisiana and the Gulf Coast Region

(source: dnr.louisiana.gov)

The volume of hydrocarbons in Louisiana is due to the state's geologic history. It has had the fortune of possessing the optimal conditions needed for the formation of hydrocarbons. The sedimentary section beneath coastal and offshore Louisiana is a major part of the Gulf Coast Continental Margin basin which extends from Mexico across Texas and Louisiana and into the panhandle of Florida. Louisiana's hydrocarbons are the result of the right sediments (source materials), temperature, timing of geologic events, and salt both development and later movement.

Surface seeps of hydrocarbons in southern Louisiana were known long before the resource became profitable to exploit. Indians in Louisiana used oil from natural seeps for medicines. In 1540, Hernando DeSoto discovered the resource. Early explorers called the oil "stone pitch" and used it to seal their ships (Franks and Lambert, 1982).

While the first oil well in the world to be drilled was in Romania, 1857, the first production well drilled in the United States was in 1859 in the town of Titusville. It was drilled by Colonel Drake on behalf of the Pennsylvania Rock Oil Company. It was less than 70 feet deep, cost about \$2,500 dollars to complete, and produced about 25 barrels (bbls) of oil per day.

One hundred forty years later, drilling for hydrocarbons are routinely conducted on both dry land and open ocean to depths exceeding 20,000 feet below ground level (BGL) and in water up to 8,000 feet deep.

The Drake discovery well spurred the quest for petroleum in the United States. But it was the discovery of oil in Beaumont, Texas in 1901 that changed the world and created the modern oil industry. This discovery was known as Spindletop. The well was drilled atop a salt dome, but at about a depth of 1,020 feet, the driller was having problems getting the bit to continue cutting downward; the was resistance, then there was vibration and shaking of the drilling platform, then came a low rumbling sound. Finally, the noise was a deafening roar and the well erupted sending mud, gas, rock, oil, and drill pipe into the air. The gusher produced 100,000 bbls of oil per day which was about 3,000 times the volume of oil produced by the Drake well in 41 years earlier. By the end of the year, there were over 400 such gushers from additional wells that sprang up in the same area almost overnight.

In September, 1901, the first successful oil was completed in a rice field at Jennings, Louisiana. It was called the Heywood #1 Jules Clement well, drilled to a depth of 1,700 feet deep. This discovery created an oil rush in Louisiana; wells sprang up one after the other. By the end of 1905, more than 6,000,0000 bbls of petroleum was produced. It was priced at \$0.72 cents/bbl which created a huge sum of money totaling \$4.3 million dollars.

The demand for oil was rapidly exceeding the supply by 1905 and the industry's ability to produce it. Newspapers were predicting national shortages and economic crisis. But the crisis never developed; more oil was discovered. During the early years of production, drilling methods were crude and oil recovery from the subsurface was very inefficient. Large volumes of oil were left in the ground. Moreover, there were little to no established exploration techniques; everything was a wildcat approach to discovery or relying on the ideas of Creekology. But there were other problems as well such as storage. Storage of crude oil was a problem because transportation was slower than production and crude outstripped storage capacity. So wooden storage tanks were often constructed to store the product until it could be shipped to the refinery [pg 11- lindstedt]. In 1910, the first long-distance pipeline was constructed to carry crude from Caddo Lake near Shreveport to a refinery located at Baton Rouge.

Initial exploration efforts were concentrated in looking for salt domes because they had created topographic expression in the surface landscapes. It wasn't until 1913 that the relationship between salt domes, creek beds, and anticlines was made and related to most of the big oil pools of the day. Once this was realized, the rush began to locate anticlines. Much of the initial work was conducted in Oklahoma in the Ouachita Mountains. But most exploration was restricted to very shallow salt domes because there were no geophysical techniques yet established. But all of this changed in 1915.

Exploration strategies changed again when it was shown that oil not only existed beneath salt domes (anticlines), but also in fault structures. This strategy was used to discover one of the largest fields in Texas, the Texas-Mexia field. This single exploration concept changed petroleum exploration forever in the Gulf Coast. And a clearer understanding of how oil is trapped was beginning to form.

Another major boost to drilling came in 1909 with the development of the Hughes rotary drilling bit. Prior to this time, drilling was accomplished by percussion. This means that a drill bit was raised by hoist and then allowed to free-fall into the hole. The force of impact by the heavy drill bit broke the rock at the bottom of the hole. Every so often, a device called a bailer had to be lowered into the hole to remove the rock debris. It was a slow, tedious effort to drill a well.

With the advent of the rotary bit, it now became possible to accurately identify which rock strata and how deep drill cuttings (bits or rock broken off at the bottom of the hole by the rotating drill bit) came from down the hole. These cuttings were examined under a microscope by micro-paleontologists (person who studies microscopic fossils of plants and animals) who were looking for index fossils (organisms that lived for a short period of time and that are found in a specific rock type) that would allow an accurate determination of the paleo-environment (the nature of the ancient environment in which the organism lived) in which they lived and their relative age in the stratigraphic column.

The next major technological improvement came in 1923 when seismic exploration was introduced into the Gulf Coast. This technique allowed geologists to look beneath the surface of the earth. By about 1950, seismic (geophysical) techniques were widely used both onshore and offshore [SEISMIC1950].

By the late 20's and early 30's, there were few areas onshore that had not been explored, so many drilling companies began experimenting with ways to drill offshore. One of the early methods was to put a rig on a barge as this photo shows of an early drilling rig on Caddo Lake near Shreveport. This was the first over-water drilling in America.

Offshore exploration did not begin until 1934 when the Texas Company (precursor to Texaco) drilled a well one mile from the shoreline of Louisiana. The offshore drilling industry was born. In 1947, the first bottom supported platform was constructed by Kerr-McGee in 18 feet of water, 12 miles offshore beyond the sight of land. It cost \$230,000 to build, an unheard of amount of money. By the 1950's, 92 offshore platforms had been placed in water to depths of 100 feet. By the end of the 60's, some 500 platforms had been constructed in water up to 350 feet deep. By the end of the 70's over 12,500 offshore rigs were producing hydrocarbons on the continental shelf of the Gulf of Mexico with the cumulative development costs for these rigs exceeding \$12 billion dollars. In 1979, Shell Oil Company installed the Cognac Platform in slightly over 1,000 feet of water just beyond the edge of the continental shelf at a cost of over \$250 million dollars.

Offshore construction has constantly pushed the limits of what is possible to construct. In 1989, the first tension well leg offshore platform was installed by Conoco. The platform floats on the surface and is connected to a foundation template on the sea floor by tubular steel tendons. This platform was placed in 1,760 feet of water about 170 miles southwest of New Orleans. Since Spindletop in 1901, Louisiana has had about 1,165,000 producing wells drilled; they have produced 25.2 billion bbl of oil and 214 trillion cubic feet of gas.

The oil and gas industry in Louisiana is a major economic and industrial force. The petroleum industry account for almost 25% of the total state revenues, or about \$1.2 billion dollars. The petroleum industry employs more than 116,000 people which is about 6% of the states total work force. This 6% earns almost 12% of the total wages paid in Louisiana or about 4.34 billion dollars. The first refinery constructed in Louisiana was in Baton Rouge in 1909, a precusor to the Exxon refinery of today. Today it is the largest oil refinery on the North American continent.

A barrel of crude oil produces a number of products after it is refined. But the major product is gasoline which accounts for almost half of the barrel of crude. But the cost of a gallon of gasoline at the pump reflects more than just the cost to find it, drill a well, pump it to the surface, and send it to the refinery. There are many other factors that come into play such as taxes and other overhead costs.



Historic Photo

Huge Oil Gusher at Moorings Port LA. A Monstrous Column of Roaring Flame

Star Oil @ Locke No. 3 on Fire Since Aug. 7, 1913

Most Disastrous Fire in Caddo Oil Field AND

Largest Single Well Fire in History of U.S. of A. (at that time) Daily Loss of Oil Estimated at 30,000 Barrels



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OWNER & OPERATOR REPORTS

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WELL, PLATFORM & PIPELINE REPORTS

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- 2. Platform Decommission Reports
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 - 4. Daily Well Operations Report Track current and future well operations scheduled to be performed daily for many operations like TA, PA, Initial Completions, Acidize, Casing Pressure Repair, Sidetrack/ByPass Change Zone and more.

GIS MAPPING SYSTEM – Easily view a map of your particular block(s) activity showing owners, operators, wells, platforms, pipelines, well directionals and more.

AND MUCH MORE!

A Brief History of Marrero, Louisiana

Marrero is a census-designated place located in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. Marrero is on the south side, referred to as the "West Bank" of the Mississippi River. Marrero was named in honor of the Louisiana politician and founder of Marrero Land Company, Louis Herman Marrero. The area was originally referred to and shown on maps as *Amesville*, after the Boston businessman Oakes Ames, who purchased much of the land following the Civil War. In February 1916, the U.S. Postmaster officially changed the name of the Post Office to *Marrero*.

Louis Herman Marrero was born in Adams County, Mississippi, on July 17, 1847. When he was a child his family moved to St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. During his school years at Jackson, Louisiana, the Civil War began, and Marrero joined Captain Scott's Command, later known as the 25th Louisiana Regiment (*Wikipedia, 2019*). He was only fifteen. He missed Shiloh because the regiment was still waiting on a shipment of muskets, but he did fight at Farmington, Perryville, Murfreesboro—where he was wounded—and Chickamauga. He was eventually captured at Chattanooga, and not released until March 1865, when he arrived in Richmond and then walked back to Louisiana.

In 1896 he became sheriff of Jefferson Parish, and held the office for over twenty years. At the same time he was president of the Jefferson Commercial & Savings Bank of Gretna and president of the Marrero Land & Improvement Association. By 1910, he was easily the most powerful man on the West Bank. In the 1800s the West Bank of New Orleans was a collection of fisherman and farmers, as well as outlaws looking to escape justice. For a good part of the 20th Century it was all but controlled by the Italian Mafia. It has also been home to political strongmen who controlled money and power through systems of patronage and property. The last great West Bank strongman was Sheriff Harry Lee. Before him, there was Judge Leander Perez, and before both of them there was Louis H. Marrero.

In 1868, Louis H. Marrero married Elodie Marrero, his second cousin. They had four children: sons Leo A., William Felix, and Louis H. Jr.; and a daughter who died prior to 1892.







No-Cook Couscous Salad with Chickpeas and Feta

Alejandra Ramos

SERVINGS: 8-10 Ingredients

2 cups dry couscous

1/4 cup fresh lemon zest (from about 1 to 2 lemons)

4 large lemons, juiced (about 2/3 cup)

1½ cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth (cold or room temperature)

1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

1/4 cup red wine vinegar

2 large cloves garlic, grated

11/2 teaspoons kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

2 teaspoons ground cumin

1 tablespoon dried oregano

1 small red onion, finely diced

1 14-ounce cans chickpeas, rinsed and drained

1½ cups cherry or grape tomatoes, quartered

1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, finely chopped

1/3 cup crumbled feta

Preparation

Combine all ingredients (see notes below) in a large bowl and toss to combine. Cover and chill - at least 2 hours and up to overnight. Toss well, then taste and adjust seasoning just before serving.

Chef notes: No need to boil water to prep this no-cook couscous salad! Couscous, which is a type of very tiny semolina pasta, really just needs to be rehydrated before serving. For this salad, you'll combine the couscous with a few staple pantry ingredients, then let it soak in the dressing for a couple hours (or even overnight if you'd like to prep it in advance). Serve it chilled or room temperature — no heat required!

Judi Notes: You can use bottled Italian dressing instead of making it from scratch, canned navy or kidney beans (rinse and drain well) instead of chickpeas, and small cubes of swiss or cheddar cheese instead of feta. There are many ways to customize this lovely, cold summer salad or side dish.



2021 ADDC Convention and Educational Conference

Southeast Region

September 21-24, 2021

Astor Crowne-Plaza

New Orleans, LA

2022 Southeast Region Meeting

Lafayette Club

April 21-24, 2022

Doubletree Hotel

Lafayette, LA

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ADDC Mission

ADDC's purpose shall be to promote the education and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy and allied industries, and to educate the general public about these industries as well as the companies and global communities the members serve.

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