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Scholarship: NA

Program/IAN: Angie Duplessis

Election: TBD

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Cora Bergeron—March 1 Vera Ledet—March 26

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 *Region Meeting and +Thanksgiving	moved due to **Convention and ++Thanksgiving
No meetings in July and December	

# March Program—Greg Upton, Jr.—LSU Center for Energy Studies

Dr. Greg Upton is Associate Research Professor at the Louisiana State University Center for Energy Studies. His research interests are related to the analysis of economic, environmental and public policy issues in the energy industry.

During his tenure at LSU, Dr. Upton has addressed a number of topical energy issues of significance to Louisiana, including Louisiana mineral taxes, solar tax credits, and net metering policies, the impact of the oil price collapse on Louisiana's budgetary challenges, and implications of the crude oil export ban's lifting on the Louisiana economy, among others. He has presented research on these topics to more than 100 industry, governmental, and academic audiences, and has been quoted or cited approximately 100 times in local and national media, including the Wall Street Journal and NPR's Marketplace. He has written guest columns about energy related issues affecting Louisiana appearing in the Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Acadiana Advocate, Baton Rouge Business Report, New Orleans' Times-Picayune, Lafayette's Daily Advertiser, and Public Utilities Fortnightly Magazine.

# Club President's Newsletter

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Letter 3

Dear Westbank Members,

March is Desk and Derrick Awareness Month. Since we are still on a relatively tight lockdown, it's hard to do much public sharing of the great things the club has to offer. Maybe we can get a little coverage in the Gretna Glance? Or a couple minutes Zoom with the news media or Good Morning Louisiana? We need to use the 21<sup>st</sup> century tools available to us to toot our horns and spread the word about the valuable knowledge ADDC and the Westbank Club have to offer. Any other ideas? Please share them.

I really enjoyed the presentation on February 27<sup>th</sup> and it was so nice to see our members who joined us virtually. With the advances of the vaccine and the declining numbers of new COVID-19 cases, we could be meeting again soon. Sadly, it won't be in March. We'll stay safe and meet virtually again on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Yes, I'm **hoping** that we can meet in April to celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> year live and in person! We will need 20 members attending and buying dinner to meet our contract with Boomtown; with 33 members, we should be able to do this, NO PROBLEM! We all miss seeing each other.

Boomtown will ensure we practice social distancing with table and serving arrangements. Safety is going to be on the top of the list when we are able to meet in person.

I see all the signs of spring bursting out around us and with it, hope for a brighter day tomorrow and a kinder, gentler world ahead.

# Judi Adams

Where flowers bloom, so does hope. Lady Bird Johnson



# What's happening with the Westbank Club?

### Secretary—Theresa Adams

The January meeting minutes were emailed to members; there were no corrections, so they will be filed as written.

### Treasurer—Debbie Brazeal

The January Treasurer's Report was approved at the February Membership Meeting. Maggi Franks is auditing the 2020 Treasurer's books.

### General Arrangements—Elaine Lesnak, Chairman

<u>We will meet via Zoom in March</u> and do so until it is safe to meet in person again. We all hope that it won't be long before we can meet at Boomtown again. They are dedicated to providing a very clean, socially-distanced, and safe experience for our meeting. <u>We will need at least 20 members attending and buying dinner in order to break even according to our contract with Boomtown</u>.

### Membership—Susan Miller, Chairman

Our current membership is 33—100% renewal from 2020! Susan has emailed the new club membership roster. Be sure to let her know of any corrections to your information. We want to be sure you get all club, region, and ADDC information.

The deadline to get new members approved is March 17th. Contact Susan Miller. Any new members will pay \$70 dues.

### Scholarship

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

**Social**—We are hoping to have an outdoor social luncheon in downtown Gretna in April. Look for a notice later this month with more information.

### Community Service—Angie Duplessis, Chairman

The Board of Directors approved St. Joseph Home, Cards for Soldiers, and Toys for Tots community service projects for 2021. Susan will collect money and toiletries and necessities for the residents of St. Joseph's Home; she will deliver them safely. Bonnie is off to a great start with the Card for Soldiers. Some of us still have cards from 2020 to turn in; we can drop them off at Bonnie's home when they are signed and ready to go. Be on the lookout for toy sales and grab some good deals throughout the year; Angie will coordinate with the Marines to get the toys picked up in November or December. See flyers on pages 6 and 7.

What a treat it was to have ADDC President Evelyn Green join us on the Zoom meeting in February! We'll inviter her again in March— Desk and Derrick Awareness Month, too. Let's hope she can join us again and maybe give us some updates on ADDC activities.

# **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 could 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!

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

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!



### **Board of Directors**

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March, 2021

Happy Spring Ya'll! Well it's close enough. And I think we could all use some sunshine and 70 degrees with a hint of low humidity! I truly hope this letter is finding you well and recovered from 2021! Just when we thought it was safe to go back in the water-it froze and we went sliding through town. How bizarre our days are. And then I come back to the calm and collective known as D&D.

What is March looking like for you? As of the beginning of March, 3 out of 4 Regions will be holding their meeting virtually. February's ADDC Board Meeting brought some great suggestions while we still continue to work through virtual meetings. Stay tuned as we create a virtual venue.

When you have the time, I would really appreciate hearing from each of you. Thank you Susan for sharing that the Westbank Club has reached a 100% renewal from their membership. Way to go! This is awesome news given the climate of our industry.

I know Bobbie Trust, Chairman for 2022 SE Region Nominating Committee has emailed information to the region presidents. Who in your club wants to be the next SE Region Director? After the initial shock of who, what, where and when, the job isn't as intimidating as it first seemed. Of course, that's from my view while I'm unsure of what emails I have missed passing along! After two years without an in person meeting, I expect 2022 to be a great year to be a Region Director. And...we're less than seven months from Convention!

Until next time, celebrate life a little and keep moving forward.

Margie Steed 2021 Southeast Region Director

*"It is more fun to talk with someone who doesn't use long, difficult words but rather short, easy words like, "What about lunch?" Winnie the Pooh* 

## **Southeast Region Happenings**

Several clubs had to reschedule or cancel meetings in February due to the extreme weather. Freezing, snowy conditions across Texas and parts of Louisiana and Arkansas disrupted many activities in the region.

The Desk and Derrick Club of New Orleans Club is mourning the loss of long-time member Daisy Laporte on December 17, 2020. Daisy was club president in 1977 and Region III Director in 1979. Daisy was retired from Mobil Oil. Rest in Peace, Daisy.

The Desk and Derrick Club of Corpus Christi met in January via Zoom meeting to learn "Can Sea Water Desalination Save the World?" I'm going to have to look into that and find out.

The Lafayette Club 2020 and 2021 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs did get to meet in person in December. What a wonderful time they must have had!







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March 2021

Happy March! This is Desk and Derrick Awareness Month. A great time to promote your club and the Association. We are all very aware that it has been a hard past year – 2020. Many factors have gone into companies cutting back, the previous support of Desk and Derrick has been streamlined or in some cases companies have had to reduced or completely had to decline support and, in many cases, members have lost their jobs. We have to remain positive that our industry will come back, stronger than ever.

I have heard that some clubs will be having a Membership Drive during March – what a great idea. Invite friends and colleagues to your meeting or possibly get in touch with prior members and ask them to attend your club meeting. You never know who might become a member. Be sure and share the fact that an individual does not have to be employed in the oil and gas, or allied industries to become a member of Desk and Derrick. Anyone who is interested in our industry is welcomed to become a member.

As stated in my letter last month, there are two (2) Regions that unfortunately will not be hold in-person Regional Meetings this year. The West Region and the Southeast Region have elected to have a virtual meeting. Central Region is deliberating whether it will be an in-person meeting or a virtual. Regional Directors for each region will be sending information to their club Presidents regarding the details for each meeting.

The Northeast Region will be hosting an "in-person" Regional Meeting. This meeting will be held May 12-16, 2021 in Lexington, Kentucky. Look for details soon. Any member of Desk and Derrick can attend this meeting, you don't have to be a member of the Northeast Region! If you haven't ever been to another Region's Meeting – take the opportunity this year. It is a great way to visit with friends, attend seminars and field trips and have a good time. The members of the Northeast Region will welcome you with open arms!

The Desk and Derrick Educational Trust is now accepting applications for Scholarships to assist with the cost of tuition and books. You may find the criteria that must be meet for consideration by going to www.theeducationaltrust.org.

Look for some exiting information very soon from the Certification Committee. Plans are being made to have virtual Certification Courses. Some will be classes that were to have been held at the 2020 Convention, but circumstances occurred that the class could not be held until now. Other possible certification courses will be on subjects that would have been covered at the Regional Meetings in 2021. Stay tuned for this exciting information – a great way to complete Certification Course.

Club Presidents – please be sure that your membership renewals are sent into ADO as soon as possible. Each club that doesn't have their 2021 dues in prior to the Regional Meeting, will not be in good standing and will not be able to vote on matters before the Meeting.

On a sad note – two (2) clubs have elected to disband. The Red Earth Desk and Derrick Club and the Bay Area Desk and Derrick Club have officially submitted notice of disbandment. Some members of each of these clubs have elected to retain their membership by joining other clubs. Both of these great clubs had difficulty deciding to disband. It is with a heavy heart that the Association will be losing these clubs. We wish nothing but the best for members of these clubs who have not joined other clubs and hope that one day they will rejoin our Association.

A quick reminder that there still several ADDC Committees that need a Chairman for this year – Public Relations and Marketing. Or considering serving as a Regional Representative for an ADDC Committee. A great way to become involved and an opportunity to learn more about the various committees. If you are interested in serving as Regional Representative for a particular committee, please send me an email and we can go over what committees need your help. Or don't hesitate to call me on my cell – your help is needed!!

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the ADDC Board. This Association is yours and mine and we are all in this together. We all need to move forward with every action to accomplish everything that we can, by working side by side.

Hugs to each of you,

Evelyn

"Your smile will give you a positive countenance that will make people feel comfortable around you" Les Brown

# Falling Texas crude output becomes a global oil market crisis

By Alex Longley (WorldOil.com) 2/18/2021

LONDON (Bloomberg) --What began as a power issue for a handful of U.S. states is rippling into a shock for the world's oil market.

More than 4 million barrels a day of output -- almost 40% of the nation's crude production -- is now offline, according to traders and executives. One of the world's biggest oil refining centers has seen output drastically cut back. The waterways that help U.S. oil flow to the rest of the world have been disrupted for much of the week.

"The market is underestimating the amount of oil production lost in Texas due to the bad weather," said Ben Luckock, co-head of oil trading at commodity giant Trafigura Group.

Brent crude briefly surged above \$65 a barrel on Thursday, a level not seen since last January. Spreads indicating supply tightness also soared. Ten months ago, the price slumped below \$16 because of a demand shock caused by Covid-19.

In the past, the weather-related disruption would largely have been a U.S. issue. Now it's unmistakably global. Crude markets in Europe are rallying as traders replace lost U.S. exports. OPEC and its allies must decide how much longer they keep millions of barrels of their supply off the market.

Estimates for how long the outages may last have gotten progressively longer in recent days as analysts try to figure out the timespan involved in thawing out infrastructure, especially in those areas where freezing weather isn't the norm.

### Higher Estimates

At first, traders and consultants expected a hit to U.S. production that would last between two and three days. Now it's looking unlikely that things will start to recover much before the weekend, and a full resumption could take weeks.

That means ever more barrels are being removed from the global market. Citigroup Inc. said it expects a production loss of 16 million barrels through early March, but some trader estimates are now almost double that. Vast swaths of production in the Permian -- the heartland of U.S. shale output -- have been shut in.

The result has been a surge in the value of crude barrels in other parts of the world. North Sea traders have been frantically bidding for the region's cargoes this week as replacements are sought for U.S. crude exports. As Europe's supplies have gotten more expensive, Asian buyers have been snapping up Middle Eastern shipments at higher premiums.

And though headline crude futures are at their highest level in over a year, they're yet to rip higher because the loss of refining capacity is equally acute. The country's largest plant has closed, and at least 3 million barrels a day of processing got taken offline. Traders are rushing to send millions of barrels of diesel across the Atlantic to the U.S., a potential boon for Europe's downtrodden refining industry.

### **Gasoline Machine**

"The Gulf Coast is a gasoline machine and sends products across the U.S. as well as international markets," said Kitt Haines, an analyst at consultant Energy Aspects. "For a brief period at least, this could help European refining."

The result is going to mean a mixed picture for U.S. inventories in the coming weeks. While gasoline production has been hit by the spate of refinery outages, there are also far fewer drivers on the roads than normal. Stockpiles of heating fuels like propane and diesel -- for which demand was already soaring before this week's weather -- are set to fall sharply.



All of which leaves Saudi Arabia and its allies in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries keenly watching the forecast for Texas's weather.

### **April Decision**

The group is yet to decide on its output plans for April, but OPEC's largest producer surprised oil markets earlier in the year by cutting an extra million barrels a day of supply in February and March. That leaves spare capacity on the sidelines at a time when the market is clamoring for extra barrels.

"The market is turning into a wild animal for OPEC+ to control," said Gary Ross, a veteran oil consultant turned hedge fund manager at Black Gold Investors LLC. He said Wednesday that he saw 5 million barrels a day of U.S. supply offline.

"The weather is having an unbelievable impact on global supply and demand," he said.

A thaw is coming, though. On Friday, temperatures in Midland -- the de facto capital of shale production -- will reach 45 Fahrenheit (7 degrees Celsius). That will rise to 56 Fahrenheit on Saturday, allowing crude production to restart. On Monday, Midland hit -2 Fahrenheit, its lowest temperature in more than 30 years.

For the time being, the great unknown remains how long output -- and the rest of the region's oil infrastructure -- will take to recover in full.

"Evidence from the last great Permian freeze off is that it can come back very quickly," said Paul Horsnell, head of commodities research at Standard Chartered Plc. "But refineries are more likely to be prone to prolonged damage."

## Plaquemines Port – February Westbank Meeting Recap

February speaker Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders spoke at our meeting via Zoom to tell us about the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District Louisiana Gulf Gateway Intermodal Complex. What a mouthful – but what a plan to bring jobs and growth to this area!

With growing trade demand and opportunity, recent

shifts in trade patterns have shown that existing gulf coast ports have inherent inefficiencies:

- Originally built for smaller vessels
- Have limited expansion capability
- Growing dwell times and intermodal delays

The terminal development projects are focusing on "America's Trade Battle Ground" – the US Midwest. The feasibility study area covers ports connected by rail and vessel on the Mississippi River and tributary system. Locations like Chicago, St. Louis, Little Rock, and Dallas could see reduced cost with the proposed improvements.

- The Louisiana Gulf Gateway facilities have access to all modes of transportation:
- Deepwater Marine direct Gulf of Mexico access
- Inland Marine innovative container vessel for Mississippi River and tributaries
- Rail Class 1 access to BNSF, CN, SCX, NS, UP, and KCS
- Air Commercial air cargo access at the local air base
- Pipeline comprehensive network for raw and refined product

The project includes improved rail capacity, warehouse space, a liquids terminal, and dry bulk handling facilities.

American Patriot Holdings (APH) has custom-designed inland shipping vessels (2,500 TEU containers). The company is working to serve ports in Memphis, St. Louis, and Kansas City; APH is working on operations with ports in Little Rock, Jefferson City, MO, and Joliet, IL. The APH ves-

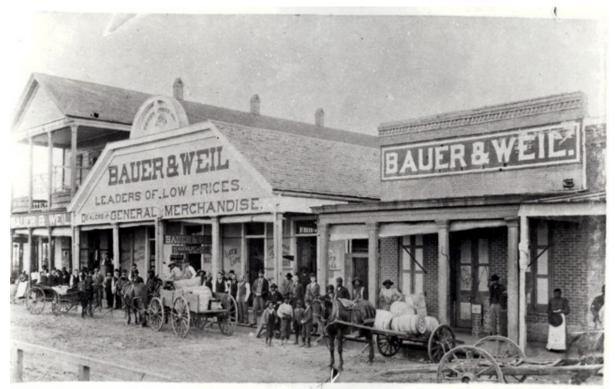
sels will ship imports up the river and exports down the river, saving industries at least 30% in costs while cutting shipping times.

With the many investors lined up and the projects moving ahead quickly, there should be a really big boost in the economy for Plaquemines Parish and the entire Westbank.

By Judi Adams







The Bauer and Weil General Merchandise Store located on Front, or Water Street, on the banks of the Red River in Alexandria, Louisiana. This busy scene is probably around 1880 to 1890. The levee covers the original location of this store today. This was probably the largest business establishment in Alexandria during the late 1800s.

(source: louisianahistorymuseum.org)



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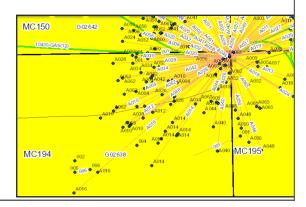
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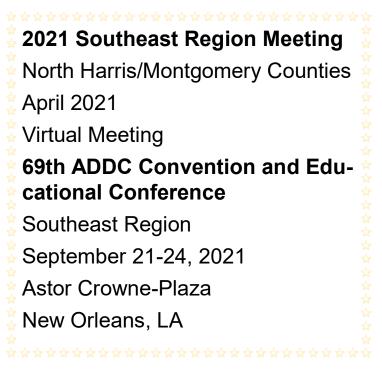
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