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Nominating: Judy Guillot

Program/IAN: Glenda Gaither Scholarship: Gaylen Guillory

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### **November Birthdays**

Elaine Lesnak 1
Becky Eymard 9
Kori Allemand 24



2023		
BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS	
January 18	January 25	
February 15	February 22	
March 15	March 22	
April 12*	April 26	
May 17	May 24	
June 21	June 28	
July—No Meeting/No Bulletin	July—No Meeting/No Bulletin	
August 16	August 23	
September 13**	September 27	
October 18	October 25	
November 8+	November 15+	
December—No Meeting	December—No Meeting	
* moved-Region Meeting; ** moved-Convention; +moved-Thanksgiving		

## **November Program**

Installation of 2024 Officers

Angie Corvers

Baton Rouge Club

2024 Southeast Region Director

### Club President's Newsletter

**Angie Duplessis** President

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Glenda Gaither Vice President

Judi Adams Secretary/Treasurer

Theresa Adams Director

**Gaylen Guillory** Director

November 2023

Dear Westbank Members,

Plan to join us at the membership meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will meet a week early due to Thanksgiving. Southeast Region Director-Elect Angie Corvers, Baton Rouge Club, will install our club's 2024 Board of Directors.

Remember to bring your new, unwrapped toys to the November meeting for Children's Hospital Christmas Toy Drive.

I hope you and your guests can join us at our Holiday Brunch, Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Specialty Italian Bistro for great food, great friends, and great fun. Dirty Santa game? You bet!! Bring a new wrapped gift to join in the fun. (See the flyer in this bulletin.)

May you and your loved ones have a Thanksgiving filled with blessings and may your Christmas season be filled with joy.

Angie Duplessis



# DESK & DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 25, 2023

**President Angie Duplessis** called the October 2023 meeting of the Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank, at the Red Maple Restaurant to order at 5:44 p.m.; a quorum was present. Secretary/Treasurer Judi Adams and Director Theresa Adams were absent.

Debbie Brazeal lead the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Duplessis welcomed everyone, announced birthdays, and highlighted "Shining Star, Shining Moment" (Angie and her karaoke machine).

#### President Duplessis reported:

- ADDC President Barbara Pappas' and Southears Region Director Susan Miller's letters are in the bulletin and on the ADDC website.
- There were no corrections to the September Meeting Minutes; they will be filed
- September Treasurer's report reviewed. General Consent to accept the report; the report will be filed for audit.

Vice President Glenda Gaither reported on correspondence sent and received.

#### President Duplessis reported:

- October bulletin is posted on line; November 1<sup>st</sup> is deadline.
- Holiday Social will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at Specialty Italian Bistro. Flyer is posted in bulletin.
- total attendance was 17 members, no guests.
- membership is 29.
- November Program will be Installation of Officers, conducted by RD-Elect Angie Corvers
- reminded members to bring new unwrapped toys to the November Meeting for the Children's Hospital Christmas Toy Drive
- Information from local meeting places circled back to staying at the Red Maple for dinner meetings, same menus. Board will schedule alternating months (meetings in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Meal cost to members will be \$30. The club will pay the difference and the room setup fees and meal shortages..

Arvella Lesnak won \$42 with 50:50 drawing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

## **Holiday Brunch**

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Friday, December 8, 2023 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Specialty Italian Bistro 2330 Belle Chasse Highway Gretna, LA

Bring a \$15 gift to participate in gift exchange!

Everyone will order from the menu with separate checks. (https://www.orderspecialtyitalianbistro.com/order/)

Member Name:

Guest Name:

Guest Name:

Guest Name:

Guest Name:

Guest Name:

RSVP by Friday, December 1, 2023 Angie Duplessis angdupless@aol.com 504-202-7702

Seating is limited to 40.





## **TOY DRIVE**

Collecting NEW, Un-wrapped toys

Bring donations to the Membership Meeting on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteers are also needed to sort and box toys on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall 475 Franklin Avenue, Gretna.

Contact Angie if you can help. Volunteers needed from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.









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November, 2023

The True Meaning of Thanksgiving is a very special day. It was first celebrated in 1621 when the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians shared a fall harvest. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving to be held each year in November.

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, let us be aware of the many blessings we have to be thankful for.

It is hard to comprehend that this year is almost over and the holidays will soon be upon us. I will still be tending to my Desk and Derrick duties through the end of the year and assist Angie Corvers as 2024 Region Director with whatever she will need.

By now election of the 2024 Officers for the clubs should have taking place and congratulations to those who will be serving in 2024. Also, those who have served this year thanks for stepping up and keeping Desk and Derrick going strong.

I want to wish everyone Thanksgiving Blessings and thanks again to all the members for being a part of Desk of Derrick and enriching our lives with your friendship, knowledge and love of Desk and Derrick.

Susan







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November 2023

To: ADDC Membership

Plans for each of the 2024 Regional Meetings are already under way. You can mark your calendars now:

Southeast Region Meeting - April 17-14, 2024 - Virtual - A reception (meeting) will be the day before 2024 ADDC Convention starts.

Central Region Meeting - April 26 - April 28, 2024 - Great Bend, KS

West Region Meeting - April 18 - 20, 2024 - Corpus Christi, TX

Northeast Region Meeting - May 15 - 18, 2024 - Canonsburg, PA

Wendy Sparks is looking for volunteers for Region Representatives for various Committees in 2024. Contact Wendy and she will be able to tell you what committees she still needs help filling. I have already signed up to be the 2024 Leadership Chairman. I am excited about what 2024 will offer our organization and our membership!

The ADDC Board voted to alter the dates concerning the AIMEEs. The AIMEE category submittals dates for 2023 will encompass January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The deadline for AIMEE submittals will be 11:59PM, January 15, 2024, via electronic submittal. Please make note of these changes.

The Program Committee and the ADDC Board reviewed and approved the first set of videos to be uploaded to the ADDC website. You can find them under Committees, Program, Videos and Podcasts. We will add more videos and podcasts in the coming months.

Clubs will be electing their officers for 2024. Club Presidents, please remember to fill out the New Officer Form (ADO31) and send original to the ADO office or email to <a href="mailto:ado@addc.org">ado@addc.org</a>, send a copy to your Regional Director-Elect, and keep a copy for your files. This form is due immediately after the election of officers so the 2024 Board and ADO will be prepared for next year.

The 2022 FRC is continuing their review of the 2022 ADDC Financials. The committee hopes to have it completed by mid-November.

"I learned to always take on things I'd never done before. Growth and comfort do not coexist." ~ Ginni Rometty.

Greater Knowledge ~ Greater Service

Barbara Pappas



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September 30, 2023

Dear Members,

We had a great time at the Albuquerque, NM Convention. We had the privilege to present the following awards this year:

- Special Achievement Award ("SAA") for <u>a Committee Special Project</u>.
   The Lone Star Club of Dallas nominated their "Operation: Lone Star Zoom" project.
- Special Achievement Award for <u>a Club Seminar</u>. The Oklahoma City Club nominated the Liberal Club for their "Magic Suitcase" program.
- Distinguished Service Award ("DSA") for a Non-Member. The Wichita Falls Club nominated Kyle Gardner, Cobra Oil and Gas.
- Distinguished Service Award for <u>a Member</u>. The Lone Star Desk and Derrick Club of Dallas nominated Pat Blanford.

The Committee has criteria to consider with each nomination. Did the nominated project/person contribute to making improvements? Did that special project benefit Desk and Derrick? Once the committee reviewed and approved the nomination, we forwarded it to the Board for review.

The award recipients have put in an extraordinary amount of time and effort throughout their career and participation in the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs. We were honored to present them with plaques for these awards.

"Operation: Lone Star Zoom" was nominated for and awarded the SAA for taking the initiative to opening their meeting to the entire ADDC membership utilizing Zoom. Members from the Tri-State Club and Canada attended, and they intend on doing this on a regular basis. They are trying something new, learning to overcome technical difficulties, and we look forward to future speakers with the Lone Star Club.

Oklahoma City nominated the Liberal Club for their "Magic Suitcase" program. Liberal has been presenting the Magic Suitcase along with Energy Activity Books (EABs) for the last 10 years to third graders in their community. Making this a priority for their small club, they continue to budget and purchase hundreds of EABs. This presentation was extended to a neighboring library

summer program which received the attention of a local newspaper. This promoted Desk and Derrick and the industries we support.

Wichita Falls Club nominated Mr. Kyle Gardner with Cobra Oil and Gas the DSA for all he has done for the energy industries. His accomplishments are way more than this letter can summarize from testifying for bills that help industry operators (and successfully pushing them through) to his willingness to pursue wildcat targets and produce successful oil fields. He supports the Wichita Falls club by sharing his expertise in monthly meetings and Industry Appreciation banquets without fail over the years. He participates in the club fund raisers and has attended region meetings and conventions. He encourages members of his company to take time from work to attend D&D activities. Overall, he provides an environment on all fronts that encourages education in the energy industry.

Lone Star Club of Dallas nominated their member, Pat Blanford for the DSA for a member. This award was a surprise, and it was difficult for her club (and this committee – of which she is a part) to keep this a secret. Pat is so heavily involved in so many aspects of her club, Central Region, and ADDC Committees. She has been a member since 1975. In 2014 she was a founding member of the Lone Star Club of Dallas. She was their first President and was integral in writing bylaws, creating forms, and encouraging membership during those first years. Pat is described as hardworking, committed, dedicated and loyal. She encourages new ideas and changes and volunteers with her whole heart. Pat is Lone Star's "go-to" person.

It was great being able to receive and review these entries. We really enjoy seeing what other clubs are doing. I want to thank the committee this year which included the Public Relations chairpersons for

- Central Region (Pat Blanford of the Lone Star Club)
- Northeast Region (Kelli Hiltbrand of the Tuscarawas Valley Club)
- Southeast Region (Angie Corvers of the Baton Rouge Club)
- West Region (Natalie Bright of the Amarillo Club)

Helen Smills

Again, on behalf of ADDC, we congratulate all this year's winners.

#### LA Governor-Elect Bolsters Oil Sector

CLIMATEWIRE (source: loga.la/news-and-articles)| Republican Jeff Landry's victory in Louisiana's gubernatorial election promises to further empower the fossil fuel industry in a top oil-producing state that's grappling with climate impacts.

Landry, the state's attorney general and a former congressman, won 52 percent in Louisiana's all-party primary Saturday — surprising many by clearing the majority threshold needed to avoid a runoff election in November. Preliminary returns pointed to low voter turnout.

Landry will succeed term-limited Gov. John Bel Edwards, a Democrat who generally supported the oil and gas sector even as he tried to steer the state toward decarbonization. Edwards sought to turn Louisiana into a hub for carbon capture and sequestration, and his climate change task force — criticized by environmental justice advocates for its heavy representation of industry — assembled the first climate plan in the Deep South.

"If you care about energy anywhere in this country — whether that's where your energy is coming from, or how much it costs — what is happening politically in Louisiana will impact you," said Logan Burke, executive director for the Alliance for Affordable Energy, a consumer and energy advocacy group.

Landry has promised to take a harder line supporting fossil fuels than his predecessor. Whereas Edwards traveled to United Nations climate summits and supported offshore wind development, Landry has called climate change a "hoax" and has sued the Biden administration over its efforts to put a price tag on the social cost of carbon emissions.

"It is our belief that, as Louisiana's next Governor, Jeff Landry will be a friend of industry," Louisiana Oil and Gas Association President Mike Moncla said in a statement to E&E News.

Landry's appointments for the secretary of natural resources, commissioner of conservation, and the State Energy and Mineral Board could help industry, Moncla said. The sector also hopes the governor-elect will lower the state's severance tax and make it harder to sue companies.

Oil and gas companies have faced mounting legal liability over claims of damaging Louisiana's coast, with Landry sometimes caught in the middle. As attorney general, he clashed with Edwards over the Democrat suing oil companies. But Landry also approved a \$100 million settlement from one company in 2021 — which the industry sharply criticized.

"We expect Governor-Elect Landry to support tort reform and choose to end Louisiana's reign as the 'legal hellhole' of the United States," Moncla said. "We need to make Louisiana an attractive and profitable place for oil and gas companies to do business."

Landry also has a personal interest in the industry. He earned between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in 2022 as an independent board member of Harvey Gulf, a company that services offshore oil rigs.

He's been less friendly toward renewable energy.

"I've always been an all-of-the-above [supporter]. But I'm not all-of-the-above if it doesn't make sense," Landry told the Cajun Overcomer earlier this year. The Republican said he supports nuclear power but is skeptical of wind and solar. "What concerns me the most is we continue to go down a path of trying to offload our energy needs on unreliable sources of energy," he said.

"We can have a discussion [about renewable energy]," Landry added. Asked if he would support offshore wind development, Landry was noncommittal: "We'll look at it."

Observers said Landry's election is bad news for offshore wind development, which is already struggling to get a foothold. In August, the Gulf of Mexico's first offshore wind sale resulted in just one developer winning a lease in federal waters off Louisiana.

"Interest for offshore wind sale may have been suppressed because of the lack of state level policies to incentivize or support it," said Joshua Basseches, an environmental policy professor at Tulane University.

But while Edwards could have done more to support the industry, he said, Landry has shown no interest in broadening Louisiana's energy portfolio.

"Landry, I think, all else being equal, would probably take the state backwards on climate relative to Edwards," Basseches said.

Landry has expressed support for carbon capture projects, and he's likely to continue Edwards' support for liquefied natural gas exports.

Regardless of the governor, "there's a business case for all these companies to continue to invest in new energy technologies" including hydrogen, carbon capture, and low-carbon oil and gas, said Tommy Faucheux, president of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

The state is the No. 3 gas producer in the country, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, and it accounts for almost two-thirds of U.S. LNG exports.

Climate and clean energy advocates expect Landry to push the state to pump even more — a prospect they equate with removing environmental and health protections.

"He's going to have a bulletproof Senate and Legislature that can pass any law they want," said Russel Honoré, the retired lieutenant general who rose to prominence during Hurricane Katrina and now leads the environmental group Green Army.

"We live in a land of oligarchs," he added, "where the oil and gas companies in each parish and each district provide a lot of donated money during elections."

The Tiger AO4 Project will add an additional 425,000 tons of capacity to the Geismar facility, which is already the largest alpha olefins producer in North America.

(source: shell.us/about-us)





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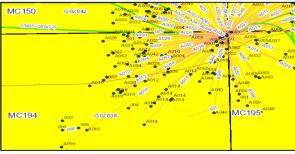
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#### AND MUCH MORE!



## Easy Vegetable-Beef Soup

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Prep	Total	Servings
15 min	45 min	6



### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- Ib ground beef (at least 80% lean)
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 5 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 cups Progresso™ beef-flavored broth (from 32-oz carton)
- 1 bag (16 oz) frozen mixed vegetables
- can (14.5 oz) Muir Glen™ organic diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (8 oz) tomato sauce

### Steps

- 1 In 5-quart Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add beef, onions and garlic. Cook 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until beef is thoroughly cooked; drain.
- 2 Stir remaining ingredients into beef mixture in Dutch oven. Heat to boiling over high heat; reduce heat. Cover; simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until hot. Ladle soup into 6 bowls.

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## 2024 Southeast Region Meeting

**Baton Rouge Club** 

**TBA** 

**2024 ADDC Convention and Educational Conference** 

Central Region
September 24-28, 2024
Westin Dallas Park Central
Dallas TX

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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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