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## President's Letter



January 2009

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas was very merry and your New Year was very bright! We had a very nice Christmas with family and friends, and a very quiet New Year's Eve and Day.

Our Desk and Derrick year is starting out with a bang! The Board of Directors voted to approve Jackie Garcia as Treasurer as Tiffany Glenn had to withdraw due to health issues. We have scheduled a 2010 ADDC Convention committee chairmen's meeting for Saturday, January 10. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Bowling for Beef will see two teams of Houston Club bowlers participating for that great cause. Plans are underway to put on our inaugural Houston Club D&D Golf Invitational in May.

Several of our members will be attending NAPE to work in the ADDC booth there the first part of February (Barbara will be looking for some help there, I'm sure). And Valanta is already working on Camaraderie. Whew! I can hardly wait to see what February will bring.

Mark your calendars now for the 2009 Region IV Meeting in Victoria on April 16-18. Then start thinking about what you'll pack for the 58th Annual ADDC Convention on September 14-19 in Alberta, Canada. Do you have your passport yet?

What this all means to you as a member is a number of varied opportunities to GET INVOLVED in whatever level you'd like. Each of the committee chairmen will be looking for members to help staff their committees. If you are interested in learning something new about D&D, don't be shy - jump right in there and volunteer. I promise that you won't be turned away. Additionally, our Region IV Director, Lois Roberts, is looking for some ADDC Regional Representatives for the Education, Membership, Public Relations, Credentials, Publications, Scrapbook, and Winning Image Photo Contest committees. If that's something that you are interested in, let me know and I'll pass it along to her.

Judi distributed the membership renewal forms in early December. If you didn't receive yours, don't hesitate to contact either Judi or me, and we'll make sure to get it to you right away. Deadline for renewals is the end of January, so if you haven't already sent it in, sit right down and do it now. We need you.

I'm looking forward to an exciting, productive, busy year and hope that you plan to join me. Remember, *Communication, Motivation, and Collaboration* is our theme for the year.

See you at the next meeting.

*Pat*

# ADDC President's Letter



January 2009

Greetings ADDC Members!

As I've been preparing to begin the new year, it suddenly occurred to me how quickly the time has flown since Convention in Midland. Your 2009 Board is anxiously planning for the annual Budget and Planning Meeting to be held in Albuquerque in late January. I can hardly believe it is already time for the reports and recommendations from all our committees and Board members as we prepare to make 2009 another great year for ADDC.

I hope each and every one of you is excited about the coming year and are making your resolutions. Please remember to include at least one resolution that involves Desk and Derrick and your commitment to making 2009 a year filled with enthusiasm and participation. Maybe the theme I've chosen will give you a few ideas. Whatever you can *Imagine* and *Believe* for you or your club can be *Achieved* with teamwork and involvement. I'm sure every local club is eager to present you with fascinating prospective speakers, field trips and community projects. Get your calendars ready to fill with all the educational and inspirational events being planned for you.

Each Region is already in the planning stages for Regional Meetings throughout the Spring. It all begins in late March with Region III in New Orleans, LA and continues through April, finding Region IV in Victoria, TX, Region VI in Oklahoma City and Region V in Pampa, TX and draws to a close in May with Region II in Fairview Heights, IL, Region I in Cambridge Springs, PA and Region VII in Grande Prairie, AB. Watch for more information concerning each meeting – there should be exciting field trips and seminars galore for you to explore. Then, before you know it we'll be preparing to head North to Calgary to join the Alberta Foothills Club in *Celebrating Western Spirit*. Are you getting excited yet thinking of all these opportunities to increase your involvement in D&D?

Don't ever forget – the most essential part of the Association of Desk and Derrick clubs is you. Without you and your commitment to the organization, we would be lost. Your involvement, your commitment and your enthusiasm bring us to life and are the primary reason we exist. The 2009 Board of Directors thanks you for your support and the confidence you have bestowed upon us and are honored to lead and represent you.

Happy New Year!!

*Reginia*

"When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better." *Maya Angelou*

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## Have You Been There?

To our new, improved Web site, that is!

Go to <http://deskandderrick-houston.org> for information about our club! The monthly bulletin, meeting information, and other items of interest are there for YOU!

## Region IV Director's Letter

January 2009

Well, members of Region IV, here we are starting a new year and a new era of Desk and Derrick. I am looking forward to this year and having the opportunity to serve as your Regional Director. My goal is to attend at least one meeting of each of the eleven clubs.

In November I had the honor of installing the officers as the "Pump Jacks" for the Wise County Club. Then in December, I installed the officers of the Victoria Club with a "linking ceremony" where the officers and members were all linked together.

My theme for the year is "Sharing a Golden Link of Knowledge" as we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Region IV Meeting. With history being a passion of mine I hope to look back over the past fifty years at the knowledge that was acquired and use that knowledge to make strong link to the future of our Region and Desk and Derrick.

One thing that I have learned in my most recent experience with Desk and Derrick is the knowledge and abilities new members are bringing into the clubs. When Desk and Derrick was formed sixty years ago, the members were seeking knowledge about the industry and a means to help them become better employees and leaders within their communities. While we still need the education programs to keep ourselves apprised of new technology and industry developments, through modern technology, most new members are well advanced in their abilities and leadership skills. As each club moves forward this year I urge you to listen and consider the ideas of your newer members. Just because the club has always done things one way, does not mean that there are other ways of doing things that will be more efficient or encourage more members to become involved. Membership involvement is a goal for every club and it is what is going to "Make a Difference – One Member at a Time."

My first big test as your Region Director will be when I report to Albuquerque the weekend of January 23 for the Budget & Planning meeting. This is your opportunity to share with the Association Board your thoughts for 2009. I will proudly be the voice that conveys your ideas, suggestions, or questions to the Board.

The members of the Victoria Club are working hard to finalize plans for the 2009 Golden Anniversary Region IV Meeting to be held April 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> in Vic-

toria. It is going to be a Golden celebration and I urge every member of Region IV to attend. The Saturday night banquet will be black and gold affair, so start shopping for that special ensemble now; it will be glitz and glitter.

Please remember to feel free to contact me anytime for assistance.

Keep adding links to your chain of knowledge.

*Lois*



**Sharing a Golden Link of Knowledge**

### EDUCATION CORNER

#### Brief History of Robert's Rules of Order

*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR), 10<sup>th</sup> Edition* is practically synonymous with parliamentary procedure.

It's estimated that over eighty (80) percent of all organizations use Roberts Rules as their parliamentary manual.

In 1876 Henry Martyn Robert wrote a *Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies*.

Mr. Robert was a civil engineer in the U.S. Army and when he was twenty-six (26) years old in 1863 he was called on to preside at a meeting. There are no reports of what happened at that meeting. Years later he was in San Francisco and working with different organizations composed of people from all over. Apparently due to differences of local customs disagreements took place as to the "correct" meeting procedures. Major Robert saw the need for uniformity and immersed himself in a study of the parliamentary law of the day.

He developed a pocket manual of parliamentary procedure that was published in 1876 and was known as Robert's Rules of Order.

Since then the "manual" has seen two revisions in a total of ten editions.

The Desk and Derrick Club of Houston together with the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs uses RONR (10<sup>th</sup> Edition) as its parliamentary guide.

Judy Lile, Education Committee

**MARKET WATCH: Oil prices drop back below \$50/bbl**

By OGJ editors

HOUSTON, Jan. 7 -- Crude oil futures prices, after climbing above \$50/bbl in earlier sessions, fell back below that mark in New York markets Jan. 6.

"Having climbed over \$50[bbl], oil prices closed 0.5% lower at \$48.58/bbl, as some dismal economic data fed through later during the day," said analysts with Barclays Capital.

"Meanwhile, evidence of further compliance from [Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries] members continues to emerge as Kuwait has notified European and US refiners of cuts of 10% in supply," Barclays analysts said.

**US inventories**

The US Energy Information Administration said Jan. 7 commercial US inventories of crude rose by 6.7 million bbl to 325.4 million bbl during the week ended Jan. 2. Gasoline stocks, meanwhile, jumped by 3.3 million bbl to 211.4 million bbl during the same period. Distillate fuel inventories increased by 1.8 million bbl to 137.8 million bbl.

Imports of crude into the US increased 1.2 million b/d to 10.5 million b/d in that period. The input of crude into US refineries rose 332,000 b/d to 14.5 million b/d during the week ended Jan. 2 with plants working 84.6% of capacity.

Gasoline production rose last week to 9.1 million b/d and distillate fuel production increased to 4.6 million b/d.

EIA also reported the withdrawal of 147 bcf of natural gas from US underground storage in the week ended Dec. 19. That left little more than 3 tcf of gas in storage, 35 bcf less than in the same period a year ago but 99 bcf above the 5-year average.

**Energy prices**

The February futures contract for benchmark US light, sweet crudes lost 23¢ to \$48.58/bbl on Jan. 6 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The March contract climbed 44¢ to \$53.13/bbl.

On the US spot market, West Texas Intermediate at Cushing, Okla., lost 23¢ to \$48.58/bbl. The January contract for reformulated blend stock for oxygenate blending rose only slightly, up less than a penny to \$1.1892/gal on NYMEX. Heating oil for the same month climbed 5¢ to \$1.6263/gal.

The February natural gas contract lost 8.9¢ to \$5.983/MMbtu on NYMEX. On the US spot market, gas at Henry Hub, La., rose 26¢ to \$6.095/MMbtu.

In London, the February IPE contract for North Sea Brent crude gained 91¢ to \$50.53/bbl. Gas oil for January rose by \$35.75 to \$514.50/tonne.

**DOE to resume SPR purchases in wake of oil price slump**Nick Snow *Washington Editor*

WASHINGTON, DC, Jan. 7 -- The US Department of Energy plans to take advantage of the recent crude oil price decline and resume filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, it reported Jan. 2.

DOE said it issued a solicitation to buy about 12 million bbl of crude to replenish supplies that were sold following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. Congress overwhelmingly passed a law ordering DOE to suspend SPR purchases in May after prices broke the \$100/bbl barrier. The ban expired Dec. 31.

The energy department also said it plans to seek repayments from refiners for emergency oil it released from the SPR following Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008, to deliver deferred royalty-in-kind oil, and to solicit new RIK deliveries this spring. The actions are required under the 2005 Energy Policy Act, it said.

Planned acquisitions during 2009 will bring the SPR back to its 727 million bbl storage capacity and provide the US with about 70 days of net import protection.

**ExxonMobil investing \$1 billion in three refineries**

By OGJ editors

HOUSTON, Jan. 6 -- ExxonMobil Refining & Supply announced that it is planning to invest more than \$1 billion in three refineries to increase the production of ultralow-sulfur diesel by about 6 million gpd.

The company is adding new units and modifying existing facilities at its 567,000-b/d Baytown, Tex.; 503,000-b/d Baton Rouge; and 305,000-b/d Antwerp, Belgium, refineries.

The modifications and expansions to produce diesel with 15 ppm or less of sulfur are expected to be completed by 2010.

"Our increase in diesel production at these three sites will be equal to the diesel produced from about four average-size refineries," said Sherman Glass, president, refining and supply.



Barbara Landrum and June Rogers,  
2008 Gladys Watford Award Recipient



2009 Houston Club President Pat Cook



2009 Committee Chairmen  
Front row: Judi Adams, Laura Davis, June Rogers  
Back row: Pat Cook, Joel Battle, Judy Lile, Carolyn Campbell, Barbara



New member Candi Ruland and  
guest Marie Guillot



Past Club Presidents

## January 2009

| Sun       | Mon                         | Tue       | Wed   | Thu                               | Fri  | Sat   |
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|           |                             |           |   | <i>1</i><br><i>New Year's Day</i> | <i>2</i><br><i>Teresa Schmidt</i><br><i>B'day</i>              | <i>3</i>  |
| <i>4</i>  | <i>5</i>                    | <i>6</i>  | <i>7</i><br><i>Board Meeting</i>  | <i>8</i>                          | <i>9</i>   | <i>10</i><br><i>2010 Convention</i><br><i>Planning Meeting</i>  |
| <i>11</i> | <i>12</i>                   | <i>13</i> | <i>14</i><br><i>Pansy Connor B'day</i><br><i>Membership</i><br><i>Meeting</i> | <i>15</i>                         | <i>16</i>  | <i>17</i>   |
| <i>18</i> | <i>19</i><br><i>MLK Day</i> | <i>20</i> | <i>21</i>   | <i>22</i>                         | <i>23</i><br><i>ADDC Budget and</i><br><i>Planning Meeting</i> | <i>24</i><br><i>Judy Turner B'day</i><br><i>ADDC Budget and</i><br><i>Planning Meeting</i>                    |
| <i>25</i> | <i>26</i>                   | <i>27</i> | <i>28</i>   | <i>29</i>                         | <i>30</i>  | <i>31</i> <i>Bowling for</i><br><i>Beef; Dues Renewal</i><br><i>Deadline; Marie</i><br><i>Wilkinson B'day</i> |

## February 2009

| Sun       | Mon                                 | Tue                            | Wed  | Thu                                     | Fri                     | Sat                                 |
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| <i>1</i>  | <i>2</i>                            | <i>3</i>                       | <i>4</i><br><i>Board Meeting</i>                 | <i>5</i><br><i>NAPE</i>                 | <i>6</i><br><i>NAPE</i> | <i>7</i>                            |
| <i>8</i>  | <i>9</i>                            | <i>10</i>                      | <i>11</i><br><i>Membership</i><br><i>Meeting</i> | <i>12</i><br><i>Patrice Kight B'day</i> | <i>13</i>               | <i>14</i><br><i>Valentine's Day</i> |
| <i>15</i> | <i>16</i><br><i>Presidents' Day</i> | <i>17</i>                      | <i>18</i>  | <i>19</i>                               | <i>20</i>               | <i>21</i>                           |
| <i>22</i> | <i>23</i>                           | <i>24</i><br><i>Mardi Gras</i> | <i>25</i><br><i>Ash Wednesday</i>                | <i>26</i>                               | <i>27</i>               | <i>28</i>                           |

## 2009 Volunteer Opportunities

Contact Barbara Landrum:

- ◇ Texas Alliance of Energy Producers—monthly and quarterly meetings -assist w/ organizing and distributing name badges
- ◇ Houston Club Golf Tournament in May —numerous volunteer opportunities available
- ◇ API Golf Tournament in October—assist with registration or handle fundraiser spots at specified “holes”

Contact Valanta Taveirne:

- ◇ Camaraderie in December—assist w/ organizing collection of donated items, signing in attendees, etc.

Contact Pat Cook:

- ◇ 2010 Convention—committee workers needed at all levels

Contact Karol Durham/Judy Turner

- ◇ 2011 Region IV Meeting—committee workers needed at all levels

### Aren't you glad YOU didn't say this?

“I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.” – Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

“This ‘telephone’ has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us.” – Western Union, internal memo, 1876

“The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a ‘C’, the idea must be feasible.” – A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith’s paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. Smith went on to found FedEx.

“Who the hell wants to hear actors talk?” – Harry Warner, Warner Brothers, 1927

“I’m just glad it will be Clark Gable falling on his face and not Gary Cooper” – Gary Cooper on his decision not to take the leading role in “Gone With the Wind”

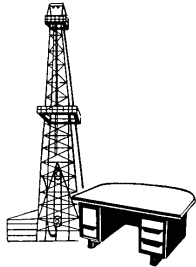
“We don’t like their sound, and guitar music is on its way out.” – Decca Recording Company, rejecting The Beatles, 1962

“Heavier than air flying machines are impossible.” – Lord Kelvin, President, Royal Society, 1895

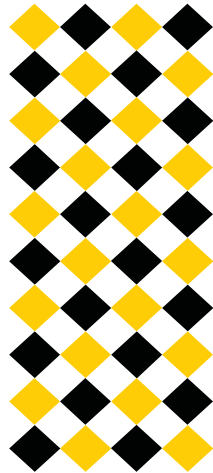
“Drill for oil? You mean drill into the ground to try to find oil? You’re crazy.” – Drillers who Edwin L. Drake tried to enlist to his project to drill for oil in 1859



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**The Desk and Derrick Club of Houston Board of Directors and Committees**

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| Director            | Kelley Sebesta  |
| Imm. Past President | Marie Wilkinson |

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**Special Committees**

|                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2010 Convention        | Pat Cook                    |
| 2011 Region IV Meeting | Karol Durham/Judy Turner    |
| Golf Tournament        | Barbara Landrum/June Rogers |
| History                | Barbara Landrum             |
| Past Pres Luncheon     | June Rogers/Laura Davis     |

**Upcoming Meetings and Events**

Doubletree Guest Suites – Galleria  
5353 Westheimer Road, Houston TX  
6:00 p.m.

**January 14, 2009**

**Climate Change and its Impact  
Speaker: Nancy Benthien**

Climate change is part of the natural system of this planet, and humans increasingly are affecting this system. This presentation presents a synopsis of the current scientific understanding of climate change and its impacts.

**February 11, 2009**

Upstream Professionals, Inc.  
Speaker: Robert Baldwin

**March 11, 2009**

D&D Orientation Program (tentative)