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President's Letter

Dear Members,

Can you believe that it is already June – this year is absolutely flying by! Hopefully you have made plans for some fun vacation rest and relaxation this summer. John and I are still rebuilding our house from the flood in April and are camping out in our back yard in our travel trailer. While I can't honestly say it's like a vacation, it has been fun to "play house" in our little home on wheels. It is really amazing to see how little we really need to have to successfully navigate through our days and nights. Most of our personal possessions are in boxes somewhere in a storage facility In Houston. We're finally seeing progress though – we have complete floor to ceiling walls throughout the house again, and I have it on good authority that our new kitchen cabinets are on the assembly line and will be shipped soon.

The GAC committee chairmen for the 2010 ADDC Convention met at the convention hotel on May 30 where we took a tour of the facility after our meeting. This tour allowed us to see the rooms that have been reserved for Registration, Hospitality, the seminars, banquet facilities, and guest rooms. This meeting also was an opportunity to be updated on each of the committees' progress with their plans. It all seems to be coming together. If you haven't yet volunteered to help on one of the committees, let me know and I'll put you in touch with one of the chairmen who will gladly give you a job to do! This event is going to take all of us working together to pull it off successfully.

Plans are being made for the Region IV Town Hall at the East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore on August 8. For those of you who have never attended a Town Hall meeting, this is your opportunity to receive an update on what is going on in the Association and Region IV from our Region IV Director, Lois Roberts, and to voice your opinion on the proposed amendments to the Association's Bylaws and Standing Rules. Town Hall is an open forum where everyone has the opportunity to participate in the discussions without being a delegate. It is also an opportunity, this year, to visit an incredibly interesting museum and take a stroll through a bit of our history as an industry and an organization. Let me or Judi Adams know if you want to car pool or need a roommate, and we'll get you connected.

Our Nominating Committee, chaired by Carolyn Campbell, is in search of a few good members to serve on the Club's board of directors in 2010. We have a wealth of talented and knowledgeable members in this club, and I am looking forward to seeing a full slate of candidates for office soon. If you haven't served as a member of the board, now is a great time to stretch yourself as a member, and take that step. This a great club and it takes dedicated members working together to ensure our future – that means you! You don't need to wait for the committee to call you to volunteer – so pick up that phone and call or send an e-mail today. You'll be glad you did. - Pat

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ADDC President's Newsletter

June 2009



Dear Members,

Recently we've been asked by members about the Association's stance concerning proposed legislative matters which directly affect the industries in which we all work. At this time, we, as the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs can take no official stance. Not only do our bylaws state that *The Association shall be nonshareholding, noncommercial, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nonbargaining*, the general information section actually defines nonpartisan by stating *The Association is not affiliated with nor committed to the support of any political party, candidate or legislation*. This matter was discussed more fully in several Open Forums at Regional meetings and the general consensus so far of those present seems to be that we do not want to change this in any way at this time. Thank you, members, for expressing your opinions about this and several other Association matters. The Board members need to hear from you to help guide us as we handle the many matters associated with the ADDC.

Speaking of expressing your opinions, check your 20th mailing on the website for a survey from the Membership Committee. Don't forget to give the committee your opinions! And while you are there, look for the updated Energy Persons of the Year nomination forms. The Nickels' Group is graciously sponsoring these awards once more and we need your participation to show them our appreciation!

We've had news from Dr. Kae Zellmer who is putting together the EAB Teaching Guide. The Guide should definitely be finished before September and Dr. Zellmer is going to prepare a PowerPoint presentation highlighting all the fun, new items being included in the lesson plans. There will be a new game entitled Oil-opoly with a game board and information cards, instructions for building a Petroleum Parfait in which the layers of the parfait are layered to represent geological formations, and they are even composing a rap song. I was honored to hear Dr. Zellmer's personal update at the Region II meeting and look forward to sharing this great new tool with everyone upon completion.

Have you checked the ADDC website lately? If you haven't, then you've probably missed updated information concerning the ADDC Convention! In fact, we're still finding new items to post, including optional tour information for spouses, the flyer for the Friday Night Icebreaker and registration information. The GAC's have told me that the traditional double rooms are already booked! Isn't that wonderful news?!! But that doesn't mean there aren't rooms available ... check out the extras you receive with the Business double rooms ... makes it worth the small difference in price! During the Region VII Meeting, I had a short meeting with the GAC's and let me tell you, the Alberta Foothills Club members are doing a fabulous job preparing for our arrival in September. If you haven't made your plans yet, now is the time!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Regina'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'R'.

Fellow Members:

How would you like to expand your knowledge of the Association and develop your leadership abilities at the same time? I encourage each of you to evaluate your talents and determine how you can best serve our Association. Think about how you can get involved and help to improve and build the association.

Each volunteer adds to the success of a committee and each committee adds to the success of the Association. As you consider stepping up to be a part of one our committees, I encourage you to consider taking an additional step up the leadership ladder and volunteer to be a committee chairman. You know you can do it!

The 2010 Committee Volunteer Form is posted on our website and it was also handed out at each of the regional meetings. If you need any additional information or have any questions about the duties of a committee, please contact me.

I look forward to working with you in 2010 and let's all take the steps together.

Donna Siburt
2009 President Elect



June 2009 - Flower: Rose Birthstone: Pearl

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Valanta Taveirne	4	5	6 <i>San Antonio Field Trip</i>
7 Kristy Faleiro	8	9	10	11 June Rogers	12	13
14 <i>Flag Day</i> Addie Luce	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Summer Begins</i>	22 Judy Lile Faye Stanley	23	24 Angela Hicks	25	26	27
28	29 Lucy Price	30				

What Do You Want From Your ADDC Membership?

One of the things I love most about Desk and Derrick members is our passion. When we throw ourselves into something, we give it all we've got. For those of us who enjoy writing, the Achievement in Maintaining Energy Excellence (AIMEE) contest is of great value to us. For members who do more than "point and shoot", the Winning Image Photo Contest (WIPC) may be important to you. If you're a Trustee on the ADDC Foundation you want to know how to best benefit our members. If you're an Educational Trust (ET) Trustee or a scholarship applicant, you know the worth of the ET. However, members who have never participated in the AIMEE contest cannot know how much value is placed on those awards and its whole process. ADDC members who have never seen the Energy Activity Book (EAB) cannot possibly know how valuable it is in properly educating young people about our industry. Luckily we have almost as many benefits, resources, and tools as we have opinions. While I believe that the Association strives to make us all happy, just think of the possibilities if we actually knew what is important to the majority of our membership. What do you consider a benefit of your membership?

The ADDC Membership Committee's goal is not only to increase membership, but also to discover the elements of our Association that are most important to members. Now that we've got you, we want to keep you. Plus, we want your brothers, sisters and co-workers. How do we do that in the current economy? We can ask the tough questions, but just "asking" isn't enough-- you have to answer us. I believe that a request was made (or will soon be made) at every Region Meeting this year. We asked, "What do you want?"; I have yet to get a response. But, if Desk and Derrick is as important to the general Association membership as the Region VI members indicated during our recent Open Forum, you'll shoot me an email or reply anonymously. I'll share the responses with you, (though confidences will be kept) after analyzing the returns. There are only four simple questions on this test and everyone who replies gets an A+.

- 1) **Why did you join ADDC?**
- 2) **Why do you remain a member?**
- 3) **What do you consider a benefit of your membership?**
- 4) **What suggestion for improvement would you offer?**



Membership Committee Survey

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Region IV Director's Newsletter

June

Poem for Summer

By Anne Morrow Lindberg

Laughter of Lilacs
Rainbows of roses
Songs of the robins
Lily of the valley borders
Sunshine to warm the heart
Oh what joy this season does impart!



**Sharing a Golden Link
of Knowledge**

Yes, summer is upon us; a time to enjoy the great Texas outdoors with family, friends and even strangers. So find some time to enjoy this wonderful world we live in, smell the roses, laugh with the lilacs, and listen to the robins.

This month has been filled with catching up on all the things set aside, while getting ready for the Region IV meeting. The Tax Exempt deadline has passed and we are in compliance for 2009, thanks to Star Hasse, ADDC Tax Exempt Committee Chairman for doing a wonderful job in following up with all the clubs and providing assistance when required.

The flyer for the Townhall meeting has been sent out and I hope everyone is planning on meeting with the Tyler Club on Saturday, August 8, beginning at 9 AM, at the East Texas Oil Museum. For those who may be asking, "What is Townhall?" it is an open forum meeting of the Region IV members, for the purpose of discussing the proposed amendments to the ADDC Bylaws and other issues that concern the members. Every member in attendance has a voice and a vote. I have always thought of it as mini-convention without the restrictions. The meeting is conducted orderly under proper meeting guidelines, but anyone can make a comment regarding the current topic of discussion. If any member of Region IV has something they would like to have openly addressed at the Townhall meeting, please send it to me so I can get it on the agenda. I am looking forward to seeing you all in Tyler. This is your opportunity to get involved and participate in a different venue of Desk and Derrick.

Although, I do not have any details at this time, plans are underway to have a Region IV Seminar/Field Trip Committee meeting in June or July. Again this is an opportunity for Region IV members to get involved and participate, by volunteering to serve on this committee. You will work with members from each Region IV Club to provide assistance to the hosting club for the upcoming Region IV Meetings. Each President has been sent a copy of the Region IV Seminar/Field Trip Procedures, so if you have not seen a copy of these, ask your President for more information. I will provide an update on the meeting plans as soon as I receive the details.

Is your Passport up to date? Remember, you must have a current Passport to travel to Calgary, Alberta, Canada in September. Now is the time to get that done, don't wait until the last minute as it will take some time. Make your flight plans, hotel reservations, and complete the convention registration now so you can relax and start preparing for the trip. Convention information is on the website.

That's all I have for now, so until next month, keep adding those links to your chain of knowledge.

Lois Roberts

Region IV Town Hall Meeting

August 7 & 8, 2009

Our 2009 Region IV Director, Lois Roberts & the members of the Tyler Desk & Derrick Club invite you to attend the 2009 Region IV Town Hall Meeting at Kilgore, Texas, the "City of Stars". Also visit the site of the Region IV 50-year Time Capsule which was buried October, 1999 on the East Texas Oil Museum grounds.

When: Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009 / 9:00 AM meeting begins

Where: East Texas Oil Museum
Hwy 259 at Ross Street on Kilgore College Campus

Lodging: Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
3308 Hwy 259 North, Kilgore, TX
Reservation: 800-448-2296/903-986-3533, mention "Desk & Derrick"

We have 25 rooms blocked until *July 17, 2009*. However, we can get more if needed. The rate is \$105 for a room with two queens or one king, plus a **free** hot breakfast. They are located a couple of miles off I-20 and within five miles of the Oil Museum. (See Kilgore map on back)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30.00 (includes lunch)

TOWN HALL REGISTRATION: 3:00 - 6:00 PM Friday
8:00 - 8:45 AM Saturday

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: *July 24, 2009*

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Company: _____

Club: _____ Region: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Delegate: _____ Alternate: _____

ADDC Officer/Year: _____ First Timer: |

Food allergies: _____

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For entertainment information about Kilgore, visit: www.kilgorechamber.com

Please make check payable to: Desk & Derrick 2009 Region IV Town Hall

Return this form and \$30 check to:
Gayle Thompson
2009 Town Hall Committee Chairman
P.O. Box 132253
Tyler, Texas 75713-2253

May Meeting Recap - by Judi Adams

Three days before the May meeting, I received an e-mail from our scheduled guest speaker, Mark Shuster. He had been chosen for a criminal trial jury in Montgomery County and would not be able to give his presentation. Luckily, I had a recently-released DVD in my office. After reviewing it and conferring with Pat Cook, Club President, I decided it would be an appropriate topic for the meeting. Thus, the presentation of *Independent Oil: Rediscovering America's Forgotten Wells*, which was well received by the members and guests attending our May meeting.

The DVD explores the often overlooked potential of the nation's 500,000 small independent oil and gas wells and their role in reducing our dependence on foreign supplies. Independent operators and industry advocates dispelled some common misconceptions about domestic oil and natural gas production and showed that production from domestic stripper wells is performed in an environmentally responsible manner, provides employment opportunities, and pumps much needed dollars into rural communities.

A stripper well is an oil or gas well from which production has decreased to 10 barrels a day or less. According to the U. S. Department of Energy, there are over 400,000 of these wells in the U. S. and together they produce nearly 900 thousand barrels of oil per day, 15 percent of total U. S. production.

Following the DVD presentation, the members and guests were given a quiz about the content of the DVD. Seven - including one guest - got 100% right and received a Shell logo gift.

The DVD has been donated to the ADO Library in order for other clubs to enjoy it and learn from it.

Education Corner

In September 1947 Kerr McGee used its Rig 16, an inventive barge/fixed platform combination, for the first over-water oil well drilled and completed out of sight of land.

The rig was in some eighteen (18) feet of water about twelve (12) miles due south of Point Au Fer in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana in the open Gulf of Mexico. The "fluid" in the return pit on that Sunday, October 4, 1947 began the new era of opportunity and set the stage for today's worldwide offshore petroleum industry.

Although Kerr McGee was credited with the first Gulf of Mexico oil discovery (the first recovery made out of sight of land) there were precedents for over-water drilling and production before that time. The first marine drilling took place off the shores of California. Nestles and piled platforms were used in California.

Off the Gulf Coast the first successful marine drilling activity took place in 1916 near Goose Creek, about twenty (20) miles southeast of Houston. Like it was in California's surf, gas bubbles fizzled to the water's surface at points where the creek entered the upper end of Galveston Bay. Drillers then tested the area's marshy landscape resulting in the Goose Creek Field.

In addition to onshore efforts, Gulf, Texaco and Humble Oil & Refining (now Chevron and Exxon/Mobil) began to drill wells from wooden platforms in water covered areas linking them with underwater pipelines.

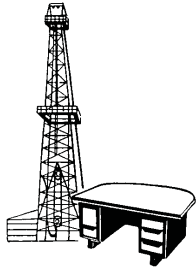
Individual wooden drilling platforms were expensive and easily damaged. Companies began looking for better ways to develop prospects. The Texas Company (Texaco) proposed augmenting fixed wooden-piled drilling platforms with mobile steel barges. Because they were mobile, slotted barges replaced solitary platforms for exploration in the inland lakes and bays. The barges were confined to relatively shallow water. Only piled platforms would suffice for deeper water.

John T. Hayward while working as chief engineer for Barnsdale Oil Company invented and designed the world's first moveable offshore drilling rig in 1948. The submersible Breton Rig 20 was designed for operation in twenty (20) feet of water in the Gulf of Mexico. The rig worked successfully until it was retired in 1968.

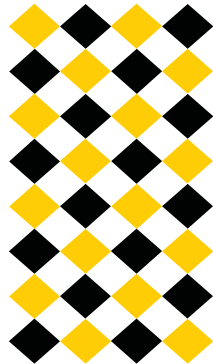
Education Committee
Judy Life, Chairman



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Doubletree Guest Suites – Galleria
5353 Westheimer Road, Houston TX

June 10, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Larry Burleson, Senior Vice President,
Customer Relations, Boots & Coots
30 Years of Boots & Coots History

July 8, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Faith Strunk
M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Reducing Cancer Risks

NOTICE:

Our contract with the Double Tree Guest Suites guarantees our parking at \$1.00. Please note that this is NOT included in your dinner fee, and you will need to have this amount ready to give to the parking garage attendant when exiting the parking garage.