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President's Letter



February 2009

Dear Members,

Happy Valentines Day! February is another busy month for the Cook household - John's and my 47th wedding anniversary, birthdays for children and grandchildren, and the anticipated birth of our first great-grandchild. We'll be enjoying many opportunities to celebrate milestones this month.

What's going on in our club this month? We'll be having a great program at our monthly meeting, the Board and committee chairmen will meet jointly to plan the club's activities for the year, a planning meeting for our first annual golf classic is scheduled, and we're finalizing plans for our trip to Galveston on February 28 to the 1894 Opera House to see Menopause-the Musical. I'm really looking forward to this trip. I've wanted to go to the Opera House for a long time.

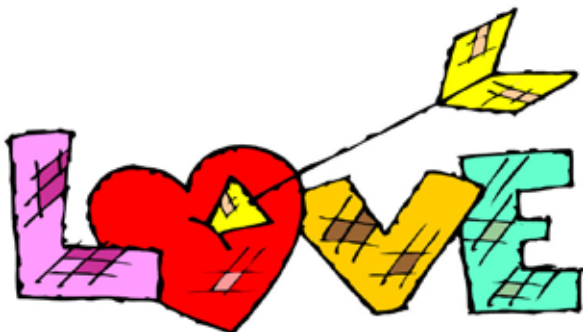
We should be receiving the registration forms for the Region IV Meeting in Victoria soon. I've shared with you some of the plans that are being made. The Victoria Club is working hard making sure that this will be a most successful meeting. I know our Region IV Director, Lois Roberts, is deep in her plans for our meeting and is looking forward to seeing all of us there. Please look for the hotel information in *The Catline* and make your reservations soon to ensure you have a room in the primary hotel.

See you at the meeting next week.

Pat



Pat Cook presents certificate to Karol Durham



ADDC President's Letter



February 2009

Greetings Members!

Time is moving so quickly – here we are already in February! **Please keep in mind that February 12th is the deadline for submitting proposed amendments to the Association Bylaws and Standing Rules to the Rules Committee.** Another important item – March is officially “Desk and Derrick Month” throughout the Association. This is your opportunity to share our organization with your community. Let them know who we are, what we do and what a vital entity we are in our various communities.

Last month I discussed the upcoming Regional Meetings. I'm sure those plans are now finalized and everyone is receiving information so we can all attend and experience the wonderful networking power of ADDC. This month I'd like to give you a sneak peek of what is coming in September. It's not too early to begin planning for the 58th Annual ADDC Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, hosted by the Alberta Foothills Club.

First and foremost for our US members ... if you don't already have a passport, now is the time to apply. Wait time is around one month, but why wait until the last minute. And another item you might check is your cell phone service in Canada. Don't just assume that your phone will work! Now for your peek... to kick things off, you have a unique opportunity to visit the Athabaska Oil Sands in Northern Alberta. Because of the distance, this will be a three day tour which allows you to see the massive equipment in action and have a little hands-on fun at the Oilsands Discovery Centre. Or how about a field trip entitled “The Ultimate Learning Experience” in the “Greatest Outdoor Classroom in the World”? Is your interest peaked yet?

Other options include “The Triple Panther”, “The Wind Buffalo” and a Badlands Tour. Seminars cover “Spud to Rig Release”, “Safe & Sound”, “Circles of Rhythm”, “Alternative Energies” and more. All this and much more will be packed into the week of September 13-19, 2009.

The Westin Calgary is the host hotel, and after making a site visit in November, I can tell you it will be a great experience. There are plenty of rooms blocked, in a variety of sizes and price ranges – Traditional Kings and Westin Business doubles are the largest blocks, but there are also Executive Suites, Traditional Doubles and Deluxe Kings and Doubles available. For the coffee lovers in our group – there is a Starbucks in the Lobby! And for the shoppers or just those who like to walk, you have access to the Plus 15 – the world's most extensive skywalk system. But I don't want to give it all away now. You'll be hearing from the General Arrangements Committee soon with all the details and amenities available.

Experience D&D to its utmost! You deserve the best we have to offer.

Reginia

Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.

Henry Van Dyke

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ADDC Treasurer

The 2008 4th Quarter ADDC Treasurer's Report is available on the ADDC site under the monthly newsletters and correspondence.

ADDC Bylaws state the report can not be printed in the bulletin. If you need a copy, please contact President Pat Cook or Treasurer Jackie Garcia.

Region IV Director's Letter

February

Dear Region IV Members,

We are on our way to a great year in 2009 as we prepare for many exciting Desk and Derrick adventures

February is a special month as we celebrate the birthdays of two Presidents and recognize our loved ones on Valentine's Day. Remember that acts of kindness are met with more acts of kindness, becoming contagious. When a smile is met with a return smile you have lifted the spirit of another person. So keep smiling and see how many smiles you receive in return.

Many clubs have already started preparing for seminars and field trips, as well as lining up speakers for their monthly meetings. I hope to make at least one event of each club in Region IV, and with eleven clubs to get to, I will soon be on the road to one of your meetings.

The Fort Worth Club started the year with a personal development speaker (motivational – but he said not to call him a motivational speaker), Bryan Dodge of Bryan Dodge Development, Inc., gave a powerful presentation about the "Good Life Rules". He challenged everyone to look at your life, select the things that matter and learn to say no to those things that would prevent you from focusing on your own happiness. If you are looking for a speaker to pump energy into your club, I strongly recommend Mr. Dodge. I will certainly be referring to his website throughout the year for motivational ideas.

While we are in February, we need to also look forward to things that are occurring in the next few months. March is Desk and Derrick Month, so please make plans to share your D & D knowledge with your co-workers and friends. In April, we will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Region IV Conference in Victoria, with several special events. The members of the Victoria Club are wrapping up the final plans for the various activities and the packet will be forthcoming in the near future.

As we look ahead, start thinking now about attending convention in Calgary, Canada. I have already made my flight reservations and got a really good deal. If you do not have a current passport, you should start that process now to allow plenty of processing time. Let's spread our "Golden Link of Knowledge" throughout the Association.

I want to thank the Region IV members who have stepped forward to take positions as Region Representatives for the ADDC committees and also for those who have accepted roles for the Region IV Conference. I will provide a detailed list of those volunteers in my next letter.

Continue to add links to your chain of knowledge.

Until next time.

Lois



Sharing a Golden Link
of Knowledge

EDUCATION CORNER

Did you know...

Parliamentary procedure refers to the practices used in meetings to keep things orderly and to give everyone a fair chance to be heard until it becomes apparent that nothing new is being said and most everyone is ready to decide the issue.

Parliamentary procedure is based on parliamentary law. Parliamentary law isn't statutory law. It's the body of rules we use when we are assembled and discussing our business.

The Governing Principles of Parliamentary Law

Basic Principles

- Protect the rights of the majority.
- Protect the rights of the minority.
- Protect the rights of the individual.
- Protect the rights of those not present.

Objectives

- Expedite business.
- Maintain order.
- Insure justice and equality.
- Accomplish the group's purpose.

Addresses

- Duties of officers, boards and committees.
- Order of business during meetings.
- Handling motions and amendments.
- Purpose of other motions and their disposition.

Judy Lile, Education Committee

Social Committee Update by Valanta Taveirne

Hello all. Sorry for not having an article in the January Catline to get the year started off right, but better a little late than never.

First, to finalize for 2008 – the Camaraderie was held on Saturday, Dec. 6, at E. Richey Gardens & Banquet Facility in north Houston. Reportedly, the usual fun was had by all. And, of course, the usual participation by all was evident and necessary. By a very unofficial count, we had approximately 200 items for the silent auction. Just when you worry you might not have enough, everyone comes through in such a large way! Of course, the size of the auction at the event isn't the main issue, the main thing is to get together and share some "camaraderie" (and share some mimosas as well...). But, the Club definitely thanks all of those that participated. Thanks to those who participated by donating their time to help with the event, or donating an item or two (or three or four) to the auction, or by bidding on auction items (it doesn't matter if you win the bid – the fun is in the shopping and the participating), and of course thanks for coming out and enjoying being together. By the time you're reading this, we will hopefully have set the date and even secured the location for the 2009 Camaraderie, but I'm getting ahead of myself and will report on that in the very near future.

With regard to 2009 events for the Social Committee, here are just a few ideas being tossed around:

1. The 1894 Grand Opera House in Galveston – *MENOPAUSE: the Musical* – see the flyer included here in the *Catline*.
2. Let's do an Astros game again this year! More details, of course, once the season is under way.
3. We might even try to take in a Rockets game! More details to follow if we can work it in the schedule.
4. Have you ever been out to the Forbidden Gardens in Katy, Texas? This is a "fascinating outdoor museum replicating some of China's major historic scenes" and includes, among other interesting journeys "taking you back to the third century BC to view the first emperor's amazing 6,000 piece terra-cotta army replicated in 1/3 scale." We'll look into doing this either before or after the hottest summer months.
5. And, last but not least, the Camaraderie in December. We may try to change things up a bit this year, or we may enjoy the same format that we have in recent years – but whichever, you'll want to get the date "inked" in on your calendar (as soon as we know when that will be) early so that you can plan to be there.

HAVING FUN FOR A GOOD CAUSE BOWLING FOR BEEF

Two teams consisting of eight Houston Club members and four friends met at the Palace Bowling lanes in Bellaire on Saturday, January 31st and had a fun time bowling. We didn't win a trophy, but that's ok! Several bowlers improved their scores from last year and they were very happy about that. After bowling seven of us went to dinner and had another great gathering. Bowling for Beef is a fund raiser for the Steer Auction Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The funds help the committee to bid on steers that are not in the "lots of money" category. It benefits a good cause and everyone has a lot of fun.

Barbara Landrum



Proposed Amendment to the Houston Club Bylaws and Standing Rules

The Houston Club Board of Directors proposes to amend Article XIII – Committees, Section 1. Standing Committees by adding the History Committee as number D and renumbering subsequent list.

Now Reads:

Article XIII – Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees of the club shall be:

- A. Audit (S-01)
- B. Contact(S-02)
- C. Education (S-03)
- D. Membership (S-04)
- E. Nominating (S-05)
- F. Program (S-06)
- G. Public Relations (S-07)
- H. Publications (S-08)
- I. Rules (S-09)
- J. Scrapbook/Photography (S-10)
- K. Social (S-11)

Amend to read::

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- H. Public Relations (S-08)
- I. Publications (S-09)
- J. Rules (S-10)
- K. Scrapbook/Photography (S-11)
- L. Social (S-12)



Pat Cook presents certificate to January Speaker Nancy Benthien




Welcome new member Shelia Wilkes!

February 2009

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

March 2009



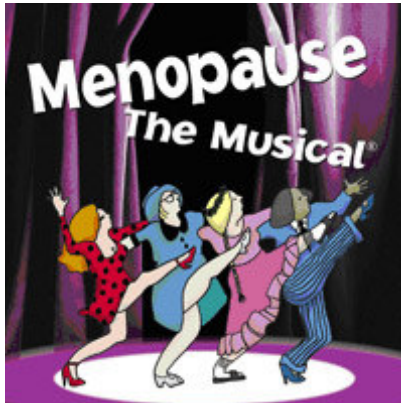
♥ Golf Tournament: June 5

♥ Teams and Volunteers Needed! Contact Barbara Landrum for further information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 LaDonna Hunsinger B'day
8	9 Elizabeth Angelos B'day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Nina Reyes B'day	21
22	23	24	25	26 Region III Mtg	27 Region III Mtg	28 Region III Mtg
29	30	31				



Come enjoy a delightful evening at The Grand as Menopause the Musical launches women into a celebration of a new phase of their lives. You are sure to agree with ABC-TV's The View's Joy Behar who said, "You'll love it. It's hilarious. Go see it."



**The Desk and Derrick Club of Houston
2009 Social Committee**

Let's get together and have some fun –
and go see some other women as crazy as we are!

What: Menopause – the Musical

Where: The 1894 Grand Opera House, Galveston, Texas

When: Saturday evening, Feb. 28, 8 p.m.

How: Tickets are going fast – so we must act fast.
We may not be able to sit together as a whole group – but at least we can meet and eat before and then all go to the theatre together;
plans for meeting and traveling to Galveston to be determined later.

Costs: Tickets for the theatre can run between \$20 and \$50 each depending on where we can secure seats (if you have a preference, please advise).

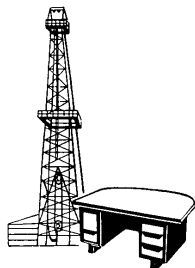
Apologies for not being more definite – but we'll try to finalize things once we know how many are interested.
Tickets will be secured as the RSVP's come in – if the performance is sold out by the time your RSVP is received, then I will advise.

Please contact Valanta Taveirne (ASAP!):
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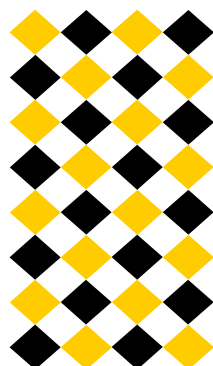




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Special Committees

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

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

February 11, 2009

Upstream Professionals, Inc.
Speaker: Robert Baldwin

March 11, 2009

D&D Orientation Program
“Are You Smarter Than a D&D Member?” - a fun approach to Desk and Derrick Orientation!
Presented by the Education Committee

NOTICE:

Our new 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.