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THE DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

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Houston Club President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day!

It seems that every month has something to celebrate! Please join us on February 9th so we can celebrate together.

January was a busy month with the new board taking over, an excellent speaker at our membership meeting, and culminating with our Club participating in Bowling for Beef on Saturday, January 22nd. A good time was had by all. Carolyn, Barbara, Kimberly, and Patrice looked and bowled like they know what they are doing. As for myself, I only planned to be a spectator but due to a loss of several team members, I was coaxed

into service. It was not pretty. I attempted to fulfill my role for the first four frames, but when you throw seven gutter balls (in 8 attempts) it becomes pretty clear that you don't have it! I wound up with a score of 7 before begging Patrice to take my place. This is an annual event so please join Barbara Landrum and her teams in 2012.

Our next event will be a visit to the Houston Museum of Natural Science on Tuesday evening, February 15th. Make plans to join us for the visit and dinner afterwards. The feature exhibit is "The Forgotten Gateway, Coming to America through

Galveston Island." The museum is also the home of the Weiss Energy Hall as well as one of the top two mineral collections in the country. Please RSVP to Judy Battle, who has put this visit together for us.

In keeping with my 2011 theme of *honoring our past*, I began to think of some of our members, such as Elizabeth Angelos and Doris Riette, who both joined Desk and Derrick in 1952. They were followed by Gladys Oakley in 1953. We owe a debt of gratitude to

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"HONORING
OUR PAST—
PREPARING FOR
OUR FUTURE"



Meeting Notice

Date: February 9, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Hilton Houston Westchase Hotel, 9999 Westheimer Blvd, Houston, TX

Speaker: Bill Koehn, Manager of Investment Accounting, Hess Corporation

Topic: Your Oil and Gas Accounting Dept. - More Than Just Overhead

Contact Judy Battle at 281-647-2220/281-750-9693 or jbattle@dodi.com if you plan to attend.

Dinner reservations are due by noon on Monday, February 7th.

Menu: Dinner Salad, Chicken w/ Artichokes in Lemon Butter Sauce, Angel Hair Pasta and Vegetables

Or Chef Salad

Dessert: Italian Cream Cake

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ADDC President's Message



Dear Members,

What a week! The ADDC Board met in Tulsa for the 2011 Budget and Planning Meeting. I am proud to report that your board worked diligently, accomplishing a tremendous amount of work on the Association's behalf. I am pleased to report that a balanced budget was approved. Watch the website for the highlights of this meeting.

Time is moving very quickly. Please keep in mind that February 11th is the deadline for submitting proposed amendments to the Association By-laws and Standing Rules to the Rules Committee. Region Meetings are already in the planning stages. **GO**, get involved, enter the **Gateway to Growth and Opportunity**. Attend all the educational programs and field trips that your Region has to offer. You may even consider visiting another Region.

men and Region Reps are here for you. We need to know how the organization can work for you. We need your input!

March is Desk and Derrick Awareness Month. Let us reach out and share the Desk and Derrick vision. I challenge each member to phone a friend or relative, contact someone who is not a member -- invite them to a meeting -- share with them your D&D enthusiasm. Tell everyone you know about the educational opportunities we provide, our community involvement, and all the things that make our organization unique, and keep you coming back.

Mark your calendars for the 60th Annual ADDC Convention which will be held September 20-24, 2011, in St. Louis, Missouri -- more details to follow in future newsletters.

Angie

**GREATER
KNOWLEDGE—
GREATER SERVICE**

- Region I May 13-14, 2011
Findlay, OH
- Region II May 13-14, 2011
Evansville, IL
- Region III March 23-26, 2011
New Orleans, LA
- Region IV April 6-9, 2011
The Woodlands, TX
- Region V April 15-17, 2011
Farmington, NM
- Region VI April 28-30, 2011
Bartlesville, OK
- Region VII May 12-14, 2011
Estevan, SK

It is you, the members, that make the Association what it is. The Board, Region Directors, Committee Chair-

Purpose

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLUB 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.

Region IV Director's Message

By the time you read this letter I will have returned from the Budget and Planning meeting in Tulsa. You will get a full report with my March letter. I have some things on my agenda to discuss that have been brought to my attention by members of this Region. I thank you for your input.

February 5th will be our Region IV Presidents training meeting and I have asked the Regional Committee Representatives to join us also. While we have many Presidents that have served before and have been in Desk and Derrick for some time, I have found that many have never attended Presidents Training so I decided to hold a training session. It will be held here in San Antonio at the Cambria Suites Hotel. This will be a time to exchange ideas, network with each other and work together to share ideas that will enhance each of our clubs. The Committee Representatives will be there to observe and participate with the hopes that they will step up next year to a board position and even an Association position in the future. I welcome all ideas, suggestions and concerns. This is **YOUR** region and I am looking for participation from **ALL** members of Region IV.

With March as Desk and Derrick Awareness month, the time to start planning this event is now. Why not look at different ways to present Desk and Derrick to potential members and current members. Be sure to invite your Employers and bosses to this meeting, especially those who do not support you in your membership. This is a great way to showcase what Desk and Derrick is all about and how it can benefit your employer. Check with other clubs to find out what they have done in the past and find out what successes they have had. Networking with each other is key.

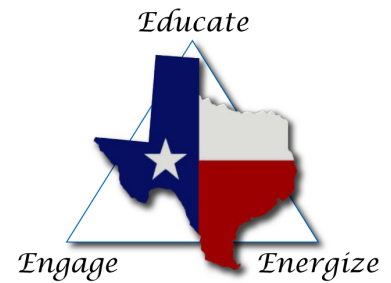
Be sure to mark your calendars and make your plans to attend the Region IV Meeting, April 6-9, 2010 in The Woodlands. The North Harris/Montgomery County Club is working hard to bring you a wonderful and educational time. Also mark your calendars for the ADDC Convention in St. Louis in September. You won't want to miss this time to learn what is going on in the Association and attend educational seminars and field trips.

Remember, I am but a phone call or email away and I want to help each club grow and sustain their membership. Please call on me.

February is the month of love and with that in mind I leave you with this thought...

*Close your eyes for a moment and think about the love that makes you sigh.
Not only in the arms of a loved one, but in the caress of a sunset, the kiss of the
Moonlight and the gentle brush of cool air on a hot day. These are the sighs of God.
Take the time to stop and listen; you will be surprised at what you hear.
Remember, Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that
Take our breath away.*

Connie



President's Message (continued)

them for paving the way for those who came later. I joined Air France in the early 60s and swa many changes during my 46 years with the company—from propeller driven aircraft to supersonic Concorde and finally the super jumbo A380 aircraft. It was exciting, but the changes I am thinking of pertain to the conditions of employment for women. They included lower pay, lack of respect, and downright sexual harassment with no recourse other thn to change jobs. I am pretty

certain this was the case in most industries. I am sure that the above mentioned ladies can enchant us with fascinating tales of workplace etiquette and the challenges confronting them in the 1950s. Take time to ask them about it. You will appreciate the many improvements that have been made in today's workplace.

Marie

Membership Committee—Maxine Bauer, Chairman

Dear Members,

By now, most of us have received our 2011 Membership Renewal forms. Membership is more than just sending in your check and signing a form. Individuals join Desk and Derrick for many reasons. Maybe you joined for the camaraderie and networking experiences, maybe you joined to further your education in your job, or maybe something else inspired you to join. Whatever the reason, you are here now. You accepted your membership. My question to you is... what are you going to do about it? I say we follow our President's lead through

the *Gateway to Growth and Opportunity*. To do this we start at the some level...

Gateway... Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines gateway as an opening for a gate. It actually uses an example sentence as "Hopefully, my college degree will be a gateway to a high paying job." Desk and Derrick can be your gateway to a better future by being more knowledgeable about your job, your industry and the industries around you. It might be your ticket to entering a new industry. Synonyms for gateway include: passport, key, open sesame, and ticket. Doesn't that seem

February Birthdays

Donna Key—Feb 5

Patrice Kight—Feb 12

Ethel Pourciaux—Feb 23

Leah Bramlett—Feb 28



to be a way to reach that brass ring in the future?

Growth... Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines growth as a stage in the process of growing; progressive development; evolution. No matter how young or old you are if you have joined Desk and Derrick you anticipate progressive growth. You see the potential of who and what you can become. You are not stagnant in your lifestyle but are thriving to become the best you can be. Isn't the journey so much more fun together than it would be alone.

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Is the world about to run out of crude oil?

Short answer: No, but don't relax.

Divide known world reserves by current annual production.

Add room for consumption growth.

Create public panic.

We'll run out of oil in less than 30 years!

It may be time for explorationists to issue a statement of humility. "Despite our vast expertise, we probably haven't discovered all of the oil in the world just yet."

That's the word from Joseph P. Riva, who wrote a report on the world's oil outlook for the U.S. Congress in 1995. He concluded that business-as-usual supply could continue through most of this century, given moderate consumption growth and political stability in the Middle East.

Riva has worked in the petroleum industry, the Smithsonian Institution and the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress. He also served as a senior research geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey.

A recognized expert on world oil and a longtime member of AAPG, he's authored more than 200 publications, including several books and the fossil fuels sections of the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Source: www.aapg.org

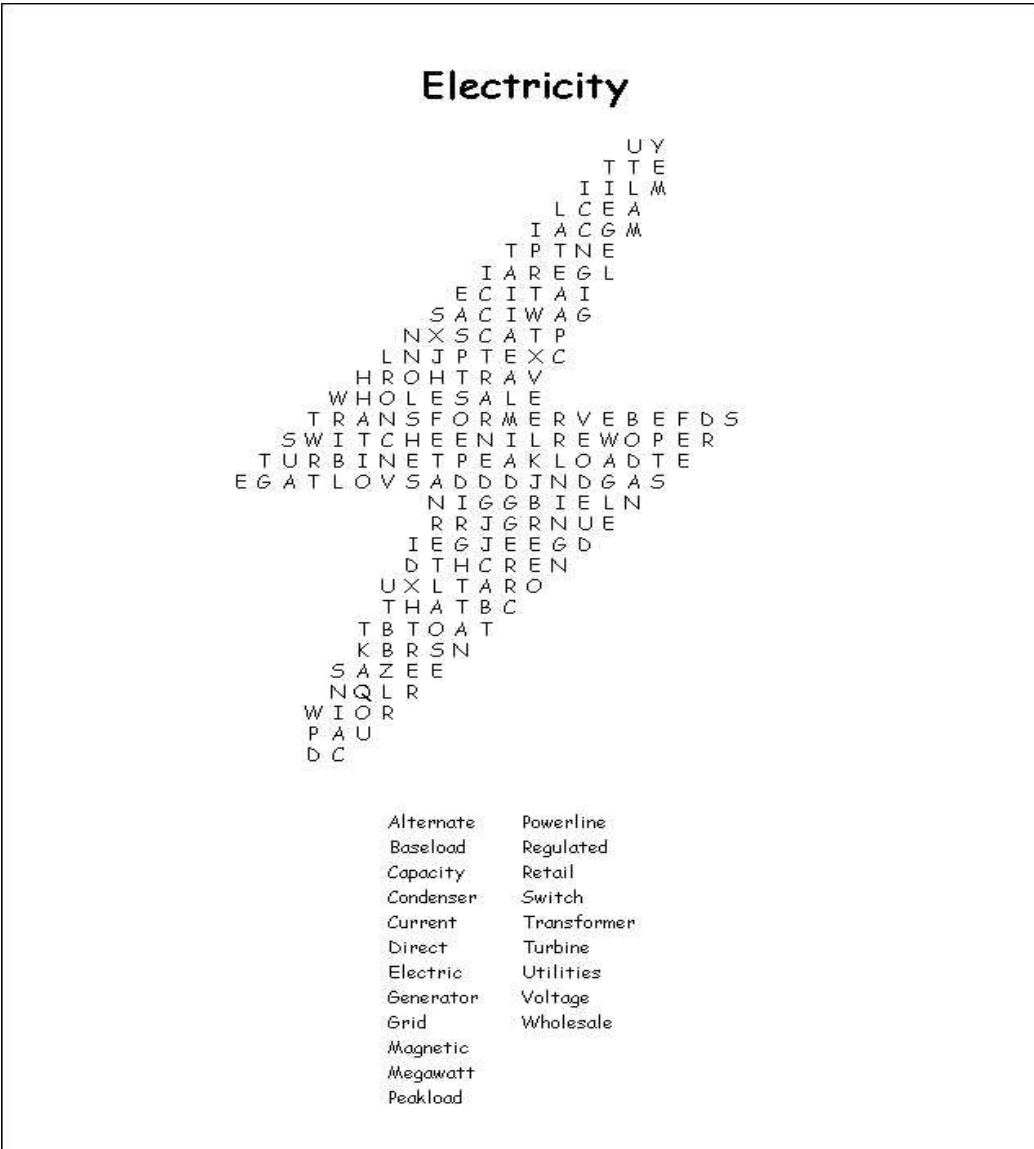
We All Use Energy

All of us use energy every day — for transportation, cooking, heating and cooling rooms, manufacturing, lighting, and entertainment. The choices we make about how we use energy — turning machines off when we're not using them or choosing to buy energy efficient appliances — impact our environment and our lives.

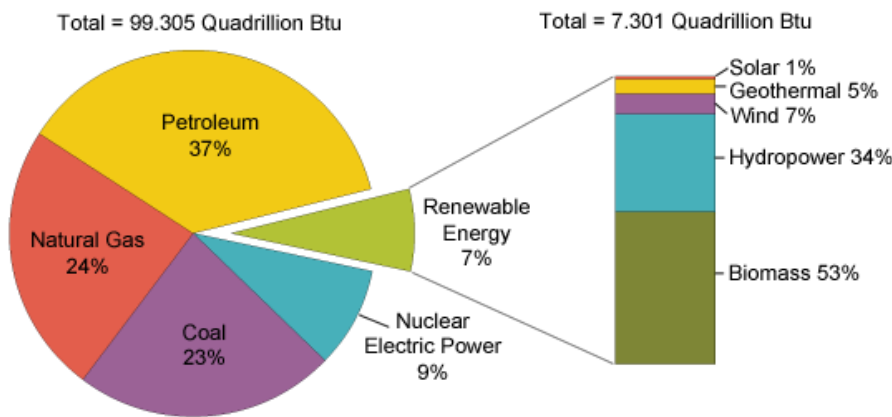
Efficiency and conservation are different but related. There are many things we can do to use less energy (conservation) and use it more wisely (efficiency).

Energy conservation is any behavior that results in the use of less energy. Turning the lights off when you leave the room and recycling aluminum cans are both ways of conserving energy.

Energy efficiency is the use of technology that requires less energy to perform the same function. A compact fluorescent light bulb that uses less energy than an incandescent bulb to produce the same amount of light is an example of energy efficiency. However, the decision to replace an incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent is an act of energy conservation.



The Role of Renewable Energy in the Nation's Energy Supply, 2008

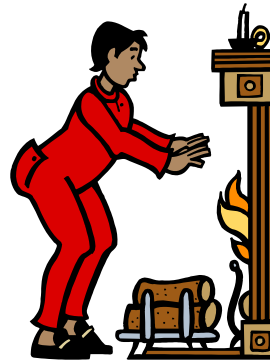


Note: Sum of components may not equal 100% due to independent rounding.
 Source: Energy Information Administration, *Renewable Energy Consumption and Electricity Preliminary Statistics 2008*, Table 1: U.S. Energy Consumption by Energy Source, 2004-2008 (July 2009).

THE CHART SHOWS WHAT ENERGY SOURCES THE UNITED STATES USES. NONRENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES ACCOUNT FOR 93% OF ALL ENERGY USED IN THE NATION. BIOMASS, THE LARGEST RENEWABLE SOURCE, ACCOUNTS FOR OVER HALF OF ALL RENEWABLE ENERGY AND 3.7% OF TOTAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION. (NOTE: 53% OF 7% IS 3.7%)

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Energy Timeline: Wood

1860—Wood was primary fuel for heating and cooking in homes and businesses and was used for steam in industries, trains, and boats.

1890—Coal replaced much of wood used in steam generation.

1900—Ethanol competing with gasoline to fuel cars

1910—Most rural homes still heated with wood. In towns, coal displacing wood in home heating and cooking.

1930—Over half of all Americans lived in cities in buildings heated by coal. Rural Americans still heated and cooked with wood. Diesel and gasoline firmly established as fuel for trucks and automobiles. Street cars ran on electricity. Railroads and boats used coal and diesel fuel.

1950—Electricity and natural gas replaced wood heat in most homes and commercial buildings

1974—Some Americans used more wood for heating due to high energy costs. Some industries switched from coal to waste wood. Paper and pulp industry also began installing wood and black liquor boilers for steam and power, displacing fuel oil and coal

1984—Burlington Electric built a 50 MW wood fired plant primarily for electricity.

1989—Pilot trials of direct wood-fired gas turbine plants conducted in Canada and US
1990—Capacity to generate electricity from biomass reached 6 gigawatts

1994—Successful operation of several biomass gasification tests identified hot gas cleanup as key to widespread adoption of technology.

Source: www.eia.doe.gov

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I didn't start college until after I was married and had two children, so there were many nights and weekends spent to "getter done". I didn't finish as my oldest daughter started but I did finish and graduate the same year she did and the satisfaction I found in completing my goal was worth more to me than money can buy. Desk and Derrick provides those same kinds of opportunities. You will only get out of it what you are willing to put into it but there are lots of warm fuzzies waiting for you in Desk and Derrick.

Share is defined as to tell (as thoughts, feelings, or experiences) to others — often used with the word with, as in *share with oth-*

ers. Become contagious, not as in sharing your germs but as in sharing ideas and experiences, some would say show your enthusiasm. If you are truly contagious others will want to be a part of Desk and Derrick also.

Now go out, through the **Gateway to Growth and Opportunity** with Desk and Derrick and be contagious.

Maxine

"You will only get out of it what you are willing to put into it but there are lots of warm fuzzies waiting for you in Desk and Derrick."

Shell is first company to file for deep-water permit in post-spill era

Royal Dutch Shell's Gulf of Mexico operations unit has filed the first permit request for a deep-water well since new regulations were put in place following the April, 2010, explosion of the Deepwater Horizon and resulting oil spill. Bill Tanner, Senior Manager of Media Relations in the Shell Houston office where the unit is headquartered, says that the company's drilling and environmental plans take into account all new regulations and requirements put in place after the environmental disaster of summer, 2010.

Regulators at the Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement (BOEMRE) have thirty days to evaluate the company's proposal. Ac-

ording to Tanner, Shell seeks permitting for three exploration wells to be drilled in almost 3000 feet of water in an area some 130 miles off the coast of Louisiana. The wells would allow the company to delineate the Cardamom Deep discoveries in the Eastern Gulf, which were originally drilled in 2009-2010. Shell estimates that the structure may hold as much as 100 million barrels of oil equivalent. Shell's proposal includes placement of a "satellite" production facility capable of producing 20,000 barrels per day.

Shell seems to be leading the industry back into offshore exploration in the US, including an October permit request for a shallow-water exploratory well

in Alaska's Beaufort Sea, fifteen miles offshore of the north slope oil fields. New regulations put in place after the Deepwater Horizon disaster include more stringent environmental and safety regulations. The new requirements include a company plan for dealing with a worst-case scenario such as that observed following the 2010 spill. Tanner says that Shell's submissions will meet those tougher requirements.



Shell's Houston office announces the first post-spill permit request for deep-water exploration in the Gulf of Mexico.

ExxonMobil Enjoys Excellent Fourth Quarter

It looks like energy is the place to invest at the moment.

ExxonMobil, the largest oil company in the United States and the largest publically traded oil company in the world, reported its quarterly financial results today, with sales and earnings both coming in higher than expected. This positive news follows similar results reported last week from ConocoPhillips and other oil companies.

ExxonMobil, which is headquartered in Irving, Texas but

employs several thousand in the Houston area, reported quarterly sales of \$105 billion and earnings per share of \$1.85. These figures represent substantial improvements compared to the fourth quarter of 2009. Sales are approximately 18% higher, but profit is more than 53% greater than last year and is now at levels not seen since 2008.

Like with ConocoPhillips and the other oil giants, the main reason for the surge in profits is the spike in oil prices. Oil has been increasing at a steady rate and while still well

below its peak per-barrel price, it continues to rise and is now approaching the \$100 mark.

Wall Street reacted favorably to the news. Exxon common shares topped the \$80 mark, a level that is about 25% higher than one year ago. The stock is still off from its all-time high share price of about \$95 in late 2007, but it continues to push higher as the price of crude increases

Source: *Houston Finance Examiner*

World Energy Statistics (2007)

World Energy Consumption

- United States—21%
- China—16%
- Russia—6%
- Japan—5%
- India—4%
- Germany—3%

Primary Energy Production

- Oil—35%
- Coal—28%
- Gas—23%
- Hydro—6%
- Nuclear—6%
- Other—2%

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OUR MISSION

To enhance and foster a positive image to the global community by promoting the contribution of the petroleum, energy and allied industries through education by using all resources available.

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www.deskandderrickhouston.org

Region IV Meeting

Date: **April 6-9, 2011**

Host: **North Harris/
Montgomery Counties
Club**

City: **The Woodlands,
TX**

Theme: **Engage, Edu-
cate, Energize**

Region IV Director:
Connie Harrison

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“Bit of Fun” Energy Activity Book

The Desk and Derrick Club of Houston, Texas supports ADDC's “Bit of Fun” Energy Activity Book by providing copies to a Houston area elementary schools and to other educational programs.

Contact Barbara Landrum for additional information.

