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THE DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

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Houston Club President's Message

April was certainly a busy month for Desk and Derrick Club of Houston. Twelve members of our Club attended the Region IV Meeting in The Woodlands. Our own Judy Lile was elected 2012 Region IV Director. Members of our Club won regional AIMEE awards, including first place awards for the best Small Bulletin, Best Desk and Derrick Program, and Best Industry Seminar. Congratulations to Pat Cook, Judy Lile, Judi Adams, Barbara Landrum, and Joel Battle for their efforts. A number of our members were recognized at the Region IV Luncheon for reaching membership milestones of 20, 30, and 40 years. During the evening Banquet, special recognition was given to Elizabeth Angelos and Doris Riette for their 59 years of membership in

Desk and Derrick.

I am sure that everyone who attended the April meeting enjoyed the hilarious performances of Karol Wood and Judi Adams in the courtroom drama that accused Desk and Derrick of being an organization focused on drinkin', eatin' and general foolin' around. Judge Marie played the straight role in attempting to keep order in the court. The program had a very serious purpose of highlighting the important work done by Desk and Derrick clubs to educate members and the public about the energy industry.

May will also be a busy month for the Houston Club. The Membership meeting on May 11th, followed by the Past Presidents' Luncheon on May 14th. One week later,

on May 21st, our Education Committee has planned a day in Galveston to visit the Lone Star Flight Museum in the morning, followed by lunch and a visit to Seawolf Park to visit a WWII submarine, the USS Cavalla. Thanks to Joel Battle, himself a former submarine officer, for putting this field trip together. It is appropriate that we remember those who served our country in the air, on the ground, and at sea during this time of year. Take time to thank those who have served or are serving our country as Memorial Day approaches.

Judy Battle, Social Committee Chairman, is organizing a group to attend a picnic in Hermann Park, followed by a concert on Wednesday evening, June 29th. Informat-

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"HONORING
OUR PAST—
PREPARING FOR
OUR FUTURE"



Meeting Notice

Date: May 11, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: Carol Jones

Topic: VZ Environmental Containment Solutions

Contact Judy Battle via e-mail at jbattle@dodi.com or call 281-647- 2220 or 281-750-9693

Dinner reservations are due by noon on Monday, May 9th. (Meal is \$25.)

Dinner Salad and Rolls and Butter Chicken Piccata w/ Lemon Butter Sauce, Angel Hair Pasta, Chef's Vegetables

Or Chef Salad

Honey Apricot Carrot Cake

Tea and Coffee

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ADDIC President's Message

Dear Members,

You should have received the first issue of the Desk and Derrick Journal. Thanks to Audra Horton and Debbie English for their hard work in getting this issue out to all the members. Please send your clubs news and information from your region meetings to the DDJ. In keeping with this year's theme of then and now, if you have any photographs of meetings from the past; send them to Audra and Debbie to be included in the next issue. The deadline for the second issue is August 1st. I also want to thank all the clubs who have sent me a copy of their club bulletin. I've enjoyed reading about all the activities and opportunities each club is doing to promote growth for your members and awareness in your community about your local club.

I have been on the **GO**, the last couple months attending region meetings. Each meeting was unique and very informative. Each offered an abundance of field trips and seminars. I was unable to visit all the regions, but the ones I did not attend were well represented by other members of the Board of Directors. Now that convention registration packets are available, I hope that many of you can **Meet Us in St. Louis**.

ADDIC Nominations are open for qualified candidates. There are many opportunities available to begin your journey as a member of the Board. You may have been a Regional Director many years ago, and felt the time was not right for you to push forward. Take time now to re-evaluate

your future and the contributions you can make to our organization. Volunteers are needed as ADDIC Committee Chairmen or a Regional Representative. Judi Adams is currently accepting volunteer forms for all 2012 Committees. Fill out a form and return it to Judi today.

The Public Relations Committee is looking for nominees for the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) and Special Achievement Award (SAA). I'm sure you know of someone in your club or community that meets the criteria for these awards. Updated guidelines and nomination forms are available on the website. The deadline for submitting entries is May 31st.

Angie

Purpose

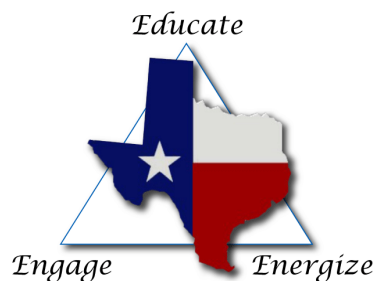
THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLUB SHALL BE TO PROMOTE THE EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED IN OR AFFILIATED WITH THE PETROLEUM, ENERGY, AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES, AND TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THESE INDUSTRIES.

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.

Region IV Director's Message

What a wonderful time of education I have had since last I wrote to you. I have had the privilege and the honor of attending two other regional meetings besides ours. I attended Region III and Region V's meetings. The seminars and field trips were very informative and I came away from all the meetings with so much information and knowledge. I am so blessed to have been given the chance to attend all three meetings.



Region III meeting was awesome. They had a fantastic speaker at the Banquet and he shed a lot of light on the oil spill disaster and how it affected the wetlands and the Louisiana coast line. Thank you Region III for a wonderful event.

Our own Region IV meeting was fantastic. The entire North Harris/Montgomery Counties Clubs did a great job. They picked a beautiful resort setting and the service, food and staffs were so great. Val Williams and her committee worked very hard and it showed. The field trips and seminars were so good and I would love to go back to some of the places we visited just to see and hear more. We got to see some of the subsea equipment for the off-shore oil platforms and wow, what an education that was. Every field trip was so enlightening and every one had a great time.

I think that this Region Meeting might have set a record for first timers.....27 of them. Can you believe it? Dora Willett and her committee had a lovely reception for them and for the mentors. It was awesome to see so many of them there and the ones from the NHMC club even were chairing committees for this meeting. They were so excited to be a part of our Regional Meeting. Thank you to the entire NHMC club for making Region IV such a special event.

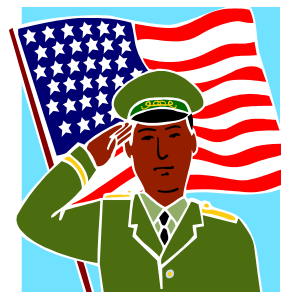
The Region V meeting was another great learning experience. The field trips were so informative and I truly enjoyed the Friday night event entitled "A Night at the Museum". We went from Dinosaurs to Drill Bits and had lots of hidden adventures to experience. Thank you Region V for making me feel welcome and part of your meeting.

Please remember that convention is not that far away so I hope everyone has marked their calendars and sent in their registrations. It sounds like it will be a wonderful time together of sharing knowledge and renewing friendships. Please make plans to join us there.

Remember **YOU** are the key to the future of this Association and your involvement is paramount to taking this Association into the future and sustaining it. This is **YOUR** Association, be proud of it and participate in as many aspects of it as you possibly can. You will be the winner.

Until we meet again, may only sunshine light your way and may blessings be your stepping stones that carry you day by day.

Connie



President's Message (continued)

ion will be forthcoming at the Membership Meeting as well as in *The Catline*.

Please support your Club's activities. The people who work so hard to offer enjoyable and educational events count on it!

Happy Birthday to Magdalene Ringh (May 12), Teresa Rorie (May 14), and Jessica McCormick (May 30)!

Happy Mother's Day!

Marie



Judy Lile and Marilyn Carter enjoying games on Friday Night—Region IV Meeting



Order in the Court—Judi, Joel, Judy, Donna, Karol, Ethel, and Marie (Membership Meeting)



59 Years of D&D Membership—Doris Riette and Elizabeth Angelos—Region IV Meeting



Judy Lile, 2012 Region IV Director Elect, and Marie Wilkinson, 2011 Houston Club President



Region IV Meeting—1st Timers

2011 Club Committees

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| Audit/Tally: | Faye Stanley |
| Contact: | Judy Battle |
| Education: | Joel Battle |
| History: | Barbara Landrum |
| Membership: | Ethel Pourciaux |
| Nominating: | Carolyn Campbell |
| Photography: | Kimberly Ray |
| Program: | Karol Wood |
| Publications: | Judi Adams |
| Public Relations: | Barbara Landrum |
| Rules: | Pat Cook |
| Social: | Judy Battle |



Flyers for upcoming Education and Social Committee events are available on the club's Web site: deskandderrickhouse-ton.org. Copies will be mailed to members at their request.

In Memoriam—Margie Camps

Beloved member of the San Antonio Desk and Derrick Club Margie Camps passed away on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011. Margie had suffered a massive stroke and heart attack a few days prior and was in hospice care until her passing. Margie was a member of Desk and Derrick for 51 years. Margie's love for Desk and Derrick and her fellow members not only within the San Antonio Club but within Region IV and the Association will be greatly missed. Please keep Margie's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Cards can be sent to the family: 5522 Ben Hur, San Antonio, TX 78229

Orientation — Order in the Court! (by Judi Adams)

It's been said that we learn more when we are having fun. Last month, when the scheduled speaker cancelled three days before the meeting, it was time to put that to the test. Calling up a very old stock orientation program, I spent the next couple of days updating and customizing the program to fit our club and the personalities of the participants.

Karol Wood and I subpoenaed the cast, including President Marie Wilkinson as the Judge, Parliamentarian Ethel Pourciaux as the Bailiff, and Judy Battle, Joel Battle, and Donna Altomari as the Defendants in a trial of Desk and Derrick Members accused of being in the organization solely for social purposes.

Prosecuting Attorney Karol Wood did her best to prove that these three members attended Desk and Derrick meetings and events strictly to partake of wining, dining, and dancing. She had some compelling evidence, including a photograph of two of the defendants dancing at 2010 Convention.

Defense Attorney Judi Adams, on the other hand, queried the defendants about their knowledge of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs and the benefits they have received from their membership and to prove that networking and learning are principal aspects of ADDC membership.

The defendants were able to recite the ADDC purpose and mission, as well as describe the benefits they derive from being members. Cross-examination by the prosecutor was a bit testy, as Attorney Wood repeatedly brought up the fact that the meetings include food and beverage and fun. The defendants were able to stand their ground on the witness stand.

Closing arguments were heated—and a bit over the top—but the judge carefully weighed the evidence and the testimonies given. The evidence included the club's bylaws and standing rules, committee guidelines, flyers announcing the club meeting, and an ad suitable to post in offices to attract potential new members.

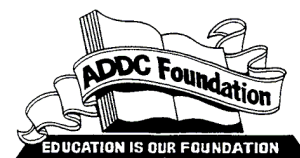
Judge Marie rendered her verdict—finding the defendants NOT GUILTY of being social butterflies and set the record straight—the defendants are examples of the Desk and Derrick motto "Greater Knowledge—Greater Service."

Court was adjourned!

ADDC Foundation — Theresa Adams, Chairman

Dear ADDC Members:

It has been an unusual winter with many storms doing lots of damage in our area. So, I'm ready for SPRING! Are you? The Foundation Trustees have been busy and I thank them for their hard work and dedication to the Foundation. They approved grants for the following projects :



- Denver Desk and Derrick Club for Magic Suitcase program entitled, "Drilling to Burner Tip"
- Region IV for a Training and Parliamentary Workshop
- Regions III, IV and VI for Seminars and/or Field Trip assistance at the 2011 regional meetings

The Foundation wishes to thank the following contributors for their donations during the first quarter of 2011:

- ADDC - to honor speakers at the 2010 ADDC Convention
- Debi Baiamonte - memory of Anna Ferlita and Anna Morrin
- Bartlesville Desk and Derrick Club - honor of 2010 Speakers
- Wichita Desk and Derrick Club - honor of January speaker
- Abilene Desk and Derrick Club - honor of Debbie English, Betty Carter and memory of Dorothy Tims
- Dorothy Semon - honor of Lori Landry and Mary Godwin
- Abilene - memory of Callan Meers

We are currently working on updating and revamping the Foundation website. For contribution form and/or grant requests, please visit our site: www.addcfoundation.org.



Region IV Meeting Recap — Judi Adams

The 2011 Region IV Meeting held in The Woodlands, April 7-9, offered something for all of the 100 plus registrants.

Thursday's offerings included two outstanding field trips—one to Cameron and Fugro and one to Halliburton. Everyone attending the field trips came back well educated and energized. Thursday evening was a time to recognize the First Timers. Dora Willett, NHMC Club, introduced each first timer in attendance and matched the first timer up with a mentor. Each first timer also got a trophy; the first timer and the mentor also exchanged information sheets so they could get to know each other better.

On Friday, an early bus took field trip attendees off to visit FMC, while other region meeting registrants attended the Energy Conference at Anadarko Headquarters or enjoyed other interesting sights in the area. The networking event on Friday night—Las Vegas Night—was a fun evening, with visits from Marilyn Monroe and a number of the rat pack era crowd. Roulette, poker, craps, and other Vegas-style games, music from the period, and dancing filled the night!

Saturday morning was the start of the business meeting, lead by Region Director Connie Harrison, San Antonio Club. During the meeting, the election was held for the Region IV Director. Houston Club member Judy Lile was elected to serve. The Fort Worth Club will host next year's region meeting under Judy's direction. We all wish Judy well!

Deepwater Horizon Anniversary—April 20, 2011

One year ago, the *Deepwater Horizon* oil platform exploded, killing eleven men and ultimately releasing an estimated 4.9 million barrels of oil in the Gulf of Mexico. That catastrophic event deeply affected the lives of millions of Americans, from local fishermen to restaurant and hotel owners and small businesses throughout the region. From the beginning, my administration brought every available resource to bear, amassing the largest oil spill response in our nation's history. At the height of the response, approximately 48,000 men and women worked tirelessly to mitigate the worst impacts of the spill. While we've made significant progress, the job isn't done.

Nearly 2,000 responders are actively working in the Gulf to aid in the ongoing recovery efforts. We continue to hold BP and other responsible parties fully accountable for the damage they've done and the painful losses that they've caused. We're monitoring seafood to ensure its continued safety and implementing aggressive new reforms for offshore oil production in the Gulf so that we can safely and responsibly expand development of our own energy resources. And EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson is leading a task force to coordinate the long-term restoration effort based on input from local scientists, experts, and citizens.

The events that unfolded on April 20, 2010 and the oil spill that followed underscores the critical link between the environment and economic health of the Gulf. My Administration is committed to doing whatever is necessary to protect and restore the Gulf Coast. Today, we remember the eleven lives lost as a result of this tragic event and thank the thousands of responders who worked to mitigate this disaster. But we also keep a watchful eye on the continuing and important work required to ensure that the Gulf Coast recovers stronger than before.

Source: www.oilonline.com 4/20/2011

Region IV Meeting Recap (continued from Page 6)

The Houston Club brought home several regional AIMEE awards; all first place winners will go on to compete for the ADDC AIMEEs at Convention.

The Saturday night Industry Banquet was the culmination of the meeting. We were informed and entertained by guest speaker George Dunn. Pat Cook presented special recognition to members who have been in D&D more than 50 years, including Houston Club members Doris Riette and Elizabeth Angelos. And, to end it all, Connie brought a nostalgic touch—as we held hands and sang “May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You.”

Noble Orders Two More Jack-Ups

Noble Corporation has exercised a contract with option for two new-build jack-up rigs, the company announced 28 March 2011.

The order with Sembcorp Marine subsidiary Jurong Shipyard brings to four the number of new jack-up rigs under construction for Noble at the yard. The company has an option for two more rigs under the terms of the original contract, announced last December. Noble put the cost of the new rigs at \$235 million each, with deliveries expected in 3Q 2013 and 1Q 2014.

Like the two rigs currently under construction, the new units will be Friede & Goldman JU3000N high-specification jack-ups capable of operating in water depths of up to 400ft and drilling to 30,000ft. Each rig will have a 75ft cantilever, 2.5 million pounds of hook load capacity and crew accommodations for up to 150.

Noble expects to take delivery of the first two rigs in 4Q 2012 and 2Q 2013. The company has until 1 January 2012 to exercise the option for the remaining two rigs.

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ADDC Convention

Date: **Sept. 19-24, 2011**

Host: **Region II Clubs**

City: **St. Louis, MO**

Theme: **Gateway to
Growth and Opportu-
nity**

ADDC President: Angie
Duplessis

Mark your calendars!

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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 Houston area elementary schools and to other educational programs.

Contact Barbara Landrum for additional information.

