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## Houston Club President's Message

Dear Members,

The year is slowly winding down and today it finally feels like winter is approaching. As I write this letter the temperature is 58° cold north wind. Delightful after the long, hot summer.

Congratulations to our 2012 Board members! In December, Kimberly Ray, Judy Battle, Karol Wood, Barbara Landrum, and Roberta Clay will be formally installed. I am taking this opportunity to thank them for stepping up to serve the members of the Houston Club in 2012.

We had an event-filled month of October. Our club elected a new slate of officers and held an Open Forum at the membership meeting. Seven of

our members volunteered to work at the API golf tournament that is held annually on Columbus Day. Those of us who worked registration shift worked alongside NHMCC members and enjoyed the chance to know them better. The later shift was out on the golf course working the money hole and enjoying the weather. A good time was enjoyed by all and the Houston Club earned over \$700 from these efforts. Later in the month, 12 members and guests met on a beautiful, sunny morning at the National Weather Service (NWS) in Dickinson, TX. The field trip, sponsored by the Education Committee was a huge success. Our guide, Matt, has been with the NWS for 13 years.

His tour of the facility was excellent. In the operations center, we met two agents on duty—Debbie and Wendy. Matt, Debbie, and Wendy fielded our many questions, which ranged from hurricanes and tornadoes to the difference between “isolated” and “scattered” thunderstorm forecasts. Our thanks to the NWS!

On November 5th, the final Camaraderie planning meeting will be held at Joel and Judy Battle's home. The meeting starts at 11:30 and includes a pot luck lunch. Please contact Joel or Judy if you plan to attend. And, NOW is the time to invite relatives, friends, and colleagues to join us for a delightful brunch and auction on (cont. Page 4)

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OUR PAST—  
PREPARING FOR  
OUR FUTURE”



### PURPOSE

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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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## ADDC President's Newsletter

November 2011

Dear Members,

WOW – what can I say! Thank you, thank you, thank you. The clubs of Region II – Bay Area, Heartland, Little Egypt, and Olney did an outstanding job in the planning and execution of the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual ADDC Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. I want to thank all the General Arrangements Committee members who participated in making sure everything went smoothly. You may have not been able to attend convention, but contributed in some way to make this meeting a success. I also want to thank you, the members, for your participation in attending. Registration was 282, with 54 clubs being represented.

Wednesday and Thursday field trips and seminars provided many opportunities to expand our knowledge. The Drilling Certification class had 40 attendees. The Thursday evening Trivia Show presented by Dave Lewis was well attended and a lot of fun was had by all. Our Industry Luncheon attendees were inspired by Doug Collins who shared stories about those individuals who had motivated him throughout his life and his quest in achieving his dream. The Energy Symposium, sponsored by the ADDC Foundation, featured speakers who shared new ideas on “Alternative and Green Energy Initiatives.” Friday evening was open for members to enjoy dinner while cruising down the Mississippi, attend a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game, or just have a quiet dinner around town.

The 2014 convention site will be Lafayette, Louisiana. There were no amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules, but members spoke about networking and social media during the Open Forum on Friday afternoon. The Member Recognition Luncheon was exciting as we cheered the AIMEE winners and learned which Winning Image Photo entries would take home the prizes. The ADDC Special Achievement Award was presented to the Desk and Derrick Club of Liberal for their successful efforts using media and community service to take a club on the brink of disbanding to increasing their membership by 60%.

The 2012 ADDC Convention will be held in Oklahoma City, OK hosted by the Red Earth Club, Region VI. I am honored to be serving as the 2011 Immediate Past President with the members of the 2012 Board of Directors:

President	Judi Adams
President Elect	Marilyn Carter
Vice President	Linda Clark
Secretary	Connie Harrison
Treasurer	Lori Landry
Region I Director	Maggi Franks
Region II Director	Linda Welty
Region III Director	Kathy Denley
Region IV Director	Judy Lile
Region V Director	Melissa Spencer
Region VI Director	Mark Loch
Region VII Director	Gerry Rasmussen



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Convention provides us the opportunity to network with our fellow members and industry leaders. It also offers an opportunity to increase our knowledge of our industry and develop professionally. I want to encourage all members who were unable to attend convention this year to visit the web site and look for the October 20<sup>th</sup> mailing for details of our activities. The Public Relations Committee will be issuing a Convention Information Kit which will include highlights of the various activities held throughout the week.

I hope everyone increased their knowledge during their journey through the **Gateway to Growth and Opportunity** – thanks once again to Region II for hosting a fabulous convention. I look forward to seeing everyone next year when we meet at the **Crossroads of Energy**.

*Angie*

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## Region IV Director's Newsletter

November, 2011

**“Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money, power and influence.”**

**Enthusiasm**.....that is what I saw at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual ADDC Convention. There were 282 **enthusiastic** attendees and 45 of those were First Timers. What an awesome convention and what **enthusiasm** Region II instilled in all of us who attended. They may be a small region, only 4 clubs, and yet this was a very organized, educational and fun convention. My hat is off to Region II and the wonderful job they did. If you missed it, plan now to attend next year's convention which will be held in Oklahoma City. Mark your calendars now to attend.

The newly elected Officers for 2012 are: ADDC President, Judi Adams; President-Elect, Marilyn Carter; Vice President, Linda Clark; Secretary, Connie Harrison; and Treasurer, Lori Landry. Region IV Director for 2012 is Judy Lile of the Houston Club. There was discussion during Open Forum about the use of Social Media platforms for ADDC. This is still being studied and the 2012 Board will be taking this under advisement. If you would like to make your opinion known on this subject, please let me know. I welcome your thoughts. This is part of the future of communication and our association so we want all of our membership to have input.

Congratulations to all **AIMEE** winners and to all members who had entries in the various categories. Special congratulations to winners from Region IV:

**Best Small Bulletin: Houston Club, editor Pat Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> place;**

**Best Large Bulletin: Graham Club, editor Mary Beth Wray, 2<sup>nd</sup> place;**

**Best Industry Article: Graham Club, author Missy Moody, 2<sup>nd</sup> place;**

**Best Industry Program: Graham Club, Teresa Carson, 2<sup>nd</sup> place;**

**Best Desk and Derrick Program: Houston Club, Judi Adams & Pat Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> place;**

**Best Industry Field Trip: Victoria Club, Becky Perez, 2<sup>nd</sup> place.**



I have been told that the members of Region IV have met the challenge and filled all of the regional representative positions for 2012. I'm sure that Judy appreciates your support and willingness to help.

Does your club have a full slate of Officers? Is your name on that slate? Have you volunteered to be a Committee Chairman or assist on a Committee? If not – you are missing out on irreplaceable experiences and opportunities.

It's time to start working on your contest entry packets. If you start now and find a category where you are lacking an entry, it is not too late to get a great article published which would qualify for the contest. Let's have an entry from **each** Region IV Club in **every category** – if we don't enter – we can't win. Please be aware of the entry deadlines which are published on the ADDC website.

Thank you and until next month..... *Connie*

**President’s Message (continued)**

December 10th at the Hilton Houston Westchase.

My sincere apologies to Lurl Andrus for omitting her name in my October President’s Message. Lurl not only attended Convention in St. Louis, but even pinned on my corsage the night of the banquet. I must have had a senior moment!

Happy birthday to Roberta Clay (11/18), Ashley Hinton (11/22), and Becky Pitts (11/30).

I hope to see all of our members at the November 9th meeting.

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for our “Toys for Tots” toy drive. Thank you in advance for helping make the holidays happy for a needy child!

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

*Marie*



**Congratulations!**

The 2012 Board of Directors was elected at the October meeting of the Desk and Derrick Club of Houston, Texas.

Serving the club next year:  
 President—Kimberly Ray  
 Vice President—Judy Battle  
 Secretary—Karol Wood  
 Treasurer—Barbara Landrum  
 Director—Roberta Clay

Barbara will resign from her 2nd year as a Director and a replacement will be appointed by the Board.

Please be ready to step up to help run YOUR club, by supporting the 2012 Board of Directors as a committee volunteer.

Volunteer sign up sheets will be available at the November meeting.

**NOVEMBER 2011**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 All Saints Day	2	3	4	5
6 DST Ends	7	8 Board Meeting	9 Membership Meeting	10	11 Veteran’s Day	12
13	14	15	16	17 Great American Smokeout	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27 Advent Begins	28	29	30			

## Join us at the Membership Meeting

**Date:** November 9th

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. (sign in/networking at 5:30)

**Location:** Hilton Houston Westchase Hotel

**Speaker:** Stan Stirton

Subsea Technical Advisors and Networkers Ltd.  
(STAN Ltd.)

**Topic:** Subsea Wells, Trees, and Intervention Techniques

**RSVP to Judy Battle by noon on Monday, November 7.**



## 2012 Convention Update

2012 General Arrangements Committee Chairman Jackie Shaver and the members of the Red Earth Desk and Derrick Club are busily working on the preliminary plans for the 2012 Convention to be held in Oklahoma City, OK. The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual ADDC Convention will be held on September 21-25, 2012 at the Skirvin Hilton in downtown OKC. The final itinerary will be approved at the Budget and Planning Meeting in January and the registration packet should be available by late February.

The hotel reservations system is up and available for members to start booking hotel rooms. Our personalized group web page address is: [http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/O/OKCSKHF-ADDC-20120914/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/O/OKCSKHF-ADDC-20120914/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

**Group Name:** Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs    **Group Code:** ADDC

**Check-in:** 17-SEP-2012    **Check-out:** 23-SEP-2012

**Hotel Name:** The Skirvin Hilton Oklahoma City

**Hotel Address:** One Park Avenue Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102 Phone Number: 405-702-8512

If you have questions about the hotel, please contact the GAC. Please do not overbook rooms in anticipation of attendance – when the block is booked, we will not be able to get additional rooms. So, please only book rooms that you are pretty certain you will use.

For those of you attending Convention in St. Louis, you saw the presentation “Top 10 Reasons to Attend 2012 Convention” and you heard the announcement about the Convention Blog (web log) – where we will be posting JUST IN TIME information and updates on Convention. The site includes the video shown at Convention and will be updated with news and links for our field trips, seminars, and other activities. You can sign up on the site to get e-mail updates or just visit occasionally to see what’s new. Just go to this link to sign up and to see what’s new: <http://2012addcconvention.com/>. Please start planning now to join us at the Crossroads of Energy in 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy".



## Offshore Oil Drilling Leases

US officials have extended oil-drilling leases for the vast majority of companies that say their work in the GOM was disrupted by the Deepwater Horizon spill or the temporary drilling ban.

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## Terminals & Storage

A terminal is a storage facility for refined products. Pipelines or tankers deliver crude and petrochemicals to the terminals for storage and redistribution. Typically a terminal will have more than one storage tank on site, which makes it a

# US Officials Extend Nearly 1,400 Offshore Oil Drilling Leases

WASHINGTON (Dow Jones Newswires), Nov. 1, 2011

U.S. officials have extended oil-drilling leases for the vast majority of companies that say their work in the Gulf of Mexico was disrupted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill or the temporary drilling ban that followed the spill.

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement announced Monday that it had approved more than 97% of the lease-extension requests it had received so far--or 1,381 of 1,413 applications.

Those that were denied an extension either failed to qualify for an extension or withdrew their applications, the bureau said. The bureau did not identify which companies had received lease extensions and which ones had been denied.

President Barack Obama announced in May that his administration would grant one-year extensions to certain companies operating in the deep waters of the Gulf. The goal was to give oil companies additional time to drill on their offshore leases following a moratorium on deepwater activity that lasted from May to October 2010.

The typical deepwater lease is 10 years. The president announced his willingness to extend the leases as part of a number of initiatives aimed at boosting domestic oil production. Among the other initiatives was a pledge to hold annual auctions of oil-drilling leases in Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve. The next auction will take place Dec. 7.

In order to qualify for a lease extension in the Gulf, companies had to prove that they were not producing oil or natural gas on the lease as of May 15 and that the lease occurred in deep waters, or depths greater than 500 feet. Companies also had to show that their lease expires before the end of 2015.

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Lighten Up Texas...

Everybody knows the state flower of Texas is the Bluebonnet, the state bird is the Mockingbird, and the Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) is the state bulb. OK, the last one was made-up. But what if every Texan switched to CFLs?

**Lighten Up Texas** is the statewide CFL campaign to encourage Texans to take the challenge and begin using CFLs today. Join Environmental Defense Fund, Wal-Mart, and the Mayors of Houston, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Arlington, San Antonio, and El Paso, to change a light in your home or business to CFL and start saving today.

Forget most of what you think you know about CFLs. Today's CFLs are not your parents CFLs from say, even five years ago. The light from today's CFLs is warmer, the bulbs are cheaper and more compact, they don't flicker or hum, and today there's a CFL for nearly every use, including recessed lighting, three-way lamps, track lighting, and porch lights. There are now even dimmable CFLs available for lights using dimmer switches. And, perhaps most important to many, CFL buyers who are put off by the spiral design, you can now get CFLs that look like a traditional light bulb.

Additional information is available online at:  
<http://houstonpowertopeople.com/index.htm>

**Lack of Commitments Halts  
Marcellus-US Gulf Ethane Pipeline**

HOUSTON (ICIS)--A project to pipe Marcellus shale ethane to the US Gulf is on hold because of lack of interest by producers, a project spokesperson said on Wednesday.

"We have not received adequate commitments for [1]MEPS [the Marcellus Ethane Pipeline System] to move forward with a 2014 in-service date," said US-based El Paso spokesperson Gretchen Krueger. "The project is on hold at the present time."

[2]El Paso and US-based Spectra formed a joint venture to build the MEPS, a 60,000-90,000 bbl/day ethane pipeline running 1,100 miles (1,770 km) from the [3]Marcellus shale formation to the US Gulf.

The project in-service date was initially November 2014. The binding open season to secure contracts for the pipeline began on 27 June with a scheduled end date of 27 July, but the open season was extended to 15 September 2011.

Analyst Dan Lippe with Petral Worldwide said the takeover of El Paso by Kinder Morgan could be an important factor in the future of the MEPS project.

"I cannot speculate on whether it will be a positive or negative for MEPS, and it may have no impact at all," he said.

The MEPS would use the existing Tennessee Gas Pipeline, which is configured to carry dry gas. The liquid ethane would need to be vapourised ahead of the [4]Tennessee Gas Pipeline and then converted back to its liquid state after the pipeline ended.

"By the time [MEPS gets] through converting the liquid ethane to vapour then back to liquid, it would likely cost as much to use it as a new-build across western Pennsylvania," said President Anne Keller of Midstream Energy Group.

*by Chemical News & Intelligence*

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#### Mark your calendars!

**CAMARADERIE**  
December 10, 2011

**Officer Installation**  
December 14, 2011

**ADDC Budget & Planning Meeting**  
January 20-21, 2012

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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.

