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## THE DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

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### Houston Club President's Message

Dear Members,

Summer is finally behind us and we have officially entered fall. The temperature is still in the upper 90s but cooler weather is not far off. October is an exciting month for our club. We will elect the slate of officers to guide us in 2012 at the October Membership meeting, so be sure to attend so your vote is counted.

Judi Adams, Judy Lile, Judy and Joel Battle, Karol Wood, Donna Altomari, Barbara Landrum, Carolyn Campbell, and I attended the 60th Annual ADDC Convention in St. Louis. We enjoyed our time in this beautiful city located in the heartland of America. Take time to ask these members about their impressions. Our own Judi Adams was presented with the gavel. As ADDC President, Judi will presided over the 2012 con-

vention in Oklahoma City. The 2013 convention will be held in Charleston, West Virginia, followed by Convention in Lafayette, LA in September 2014. Attending and ADDC convention is a real benefit for our members. The speakers, certification program, seminars, field trips and networking with members from the USA and Canada offer outstanding value for personal and professional development.

On October 22, the Houston Club Education Committee is hosting a field trip to the National Weather Service office in Dickinson, TX. Space is limited so contact Joel Battle to make a reservation. The NWS is located 25 miles south of Houston on I45. Take exit 21 (FM646) and head east one half mile. The office is a three story building on the left just past West Walker. The tour begins at

10 a.m. , allowing time for lunch afterwards or a quick trip to Galveston.

The NHMC Desk and Derrick Club annual fundraiser auction is scheduled on November 12 and our club is invited. This is a good opportunity to get to know our fellow members in the Houston area. Some of their members plan to attend our Camaraderie on December 10th. The flyers are available online and will be sent to our members via e-mail.

Speaking of Camaraderie, the next planning meeting is on Saturday November 5th. Contact Judy Battle if you plan to attend and join us for a potluck lunch.

Happy birthday to Donna Altomari (10/16) and Doris Riette (10/28).

Happy Halloween!

Marie

“HONORING  
OUR PAST—  
PREPARING FOR  
OUR FUTURE”



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#### 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.

## President's Newsletter



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October 2011

Dear Members,

I am writing this letter to you as I pack in preparation for my journey to the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual ADDC Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. There have been many months of planning and preparation by the members of Region II, which just in a few days will soon begin. So far there are 279 registrants. We are getting excited and hope to see everyone as they arrive. For those of you who are unable to attend convention; the Public Relations Committee is working on a Convention Information Kit which will include highlights of all the various activities held throughout the week. I will have more details next month.

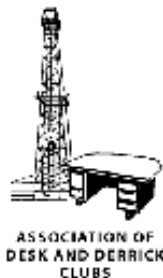
The second issue of the Desk and Derrick Journal is in the mail as we speak. The issue features convention information as well as information on the 2012 Nominees for ADDC Officers. It also features memories of some of our 50 year members.

I want to acknowledge clubs throughout the Association who have increased their membership through August this year. They are: Buckeye (6%), Ohio Valley (58%), Heartland South Illinois (22%), Laurel (12%), Corpus Christi (75%), Dallas (7%), North Harris-Montgomery County (14%), Tyler (34%), Artesia (7%), Midland (10%), Ardmore (3%), Liberal (60%), Red Earth (40%), Tulsa (10%), and Alberta Foothills (25%). **GREAT JOB!**

Have you contacted your club's Nominating Committee yet? Have you volunteered to serve on a committee; local or Association? The leaders on these committees have a wealth of knowledge and experience. They gained that experience and knowledge by working on committees in their clubs, as a Region Representative, or ADDC Chairman. I encourage each of you to get involved, take on a position you've never tried before. What are you waiting for?

Until next month, **GO...**

*Angie*



## Region IV Director's Newsletter

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September, 2011

**Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.** Stanley Horowitz

I like this quote because it speaks to our Association. We are all different and have different points of view and different interests yet we come together as one mind to fulfill our purpose and our mission. Our association is a MOSAIC of all of us and what a beautiful work of art we are. I am so proud to be a part of this wonderful organization and I am humbled by the vast knowledge and commitment that each of you bring to it.

The week of September 19<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> has come and gone, and convention is now behind us. The majority of my work as your Region IV Director is done, and I now embark on a new adventure with Desk and Derrick and look forward to wherever that path leads. Our 2012 Region IV Director, Judy Lile has gotten her feet wet, having gotten to experience the Association's formal business processes by attending the Pre-Convention Board Meeting as a spectator and then her first official action, attending the Post-Convention Board Meeting. Be sure to read November's letter to find out all the exciting details of convention if you were unable to attend. The 2012 Convention is really not that far off, it will be held in Oklahoma City and hosted by Region VI. Mark your calendars now.

Our 2012 ADDC President, Judi Adams and Region IV Director Judy Lile are in the process of filling committee chair and regional representative positions for next year. If you have something special you can offer to one of the committees, please contact them and let them know you are interested in helping.

By now, most clubs in the region will have finalized their election of officers for 2012. I will announce the names of the new club presidents in the November letter. Remember that either Judy or I will be glad to come and help out with your installation of officers – we would both consider it an honor to be involved in this manner.

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.

Until next time.....Connie

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

ADDC Committee Volunteers are needed for  
STANDING COMMITTEES:

Rules

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

ADDC Manuals Review

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Scrapbook

Tally

A great way learn so much by serving on these committees.

Contact Marie Wilkinson if you are interested in volunteering for a Committee Chairmanship or to serve as Region Rep.

**October Meeting**

The October meeting is our club’s Annual Meeting. The 2012 Officers will be voted on by membership at the meeting.

We will have a facilitated Member Open Forum—an opportunity for all members to brainstorm and share ideas for our club’s future. Open Forum will be facilitated by President Marie Wilkinson and Vice President Karol Wood.

Please come with your ideas and plans for ways to help our club grow and thrive for another 60 years.

# OCTOBER 2011

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9	10 Columbus Day Thanksgiving (Canada)	11	12 Membership Meeting	13	14	15
16 National Boss Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Halloween					



Joel Battle "models" sapphire necklace fundraiser



Karol Wood Attends the Cardinals Game

*Congratulations to our  
 AIMEE Winners!  
 Small Bulletin—2nd Place  
 Pat Cook  
 Desk and Derrick  
 Program—2nd Place  
 Judi Adams and Pat Cook*



Members of Houston, Westbank, and NHMC Clubs at Lambert Field—  
 Heading Home after ADDC Convention 2011

**Necklace Winner: Ivy  
 Young**

**Texas Basket  
 Winner: Maureen  
 McClean**

*Winning Image Photo Contest  
 3rd Place  
 Judi Adams*

## 2011 Convention in St. Louis, Missouri

Barbara Landrum & Carolyn Campbell

The convention in St. Louis was great! There were lots of things to see and places to go. This was the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs.

There were quite a few field trips offered on Wednesday, but we chose the trip to the Botanical Garden and Historic Homes on Thursday. The guide, a young lady from St. Louis, was excellent. This is the oldest botanical garden in the country. Some of the flowers and plants were not in bloom since it was fall in St. Louis. There were beautiful trees, some with branches touching the ground. One tree had leaves shaped like a heart! There was a very nice gift shop there, too, and we managed to purchase a few items.

We left the Garden and toured three of the most historic neighborhoods. The first was Compton Heights, developed in the late nineteenth century. All beautiful homes. The next was Lafayette Square which was renovated Victorian mansions and row houses which surround Lafayette Park. Soulard is an old working-class neighborhood, and has the oldest farmer's market west of the Mississippi River. All the homes are made of brick, which is a requirement of the city.

The most exciting trip we took was the tram to the top of the Gateway Arch. It is 630 foot high at the top with small windows to view all parts of St. Louis. This Arch was completed 40 years ago! After we came back down we watched a movie about Lewis and Clark. It was very interesting, too.

Being in down town St. Louis was wonderful. Lots to see and do. There was an old courthouse building across from our hotel and we visited there. The first part of the Courthouse was built in 1828. Many additions took place and were completed in 1876.

One evening we had dinner at the top of a beautiful building, The Millennium, where the dining area revolved as we ate. We were able to view all of St. Louis, especially the Arch and the Cardinals stadium. Lurl Andrus Bushnell and her husband, Tex, along with Doris Riette and Christi Hinojosa joined us for a fun evening.

Our last trip was to The Anheuser-Busch Brewer Complex located on 100 acres downtown with over 70 red brick buildings. The Clydesdales horses are in the yard and are beautiful. We took the tour through the Complex and learned a lot about brewing beer!



## Industry groups press for prompt Keystone XL project approval

**Nick Snow** Washington Editor

Oil industry groups increased pressure on the US Congress and President Barack Obama to approve the proposed Keystone XL crude oil pipeline project's cross-border permit application. "Three long years have gone by and it's now time to immediately put 20,000 Americans to work building this new pipeline," said Marty Durbin, American Petroleum Institute executive vice-president. "Obtaining energy from our friendly and reliable North American neighbor will reduce our imports from unstable regions of the world. Surely, enhancing our nation's energy security and providing thousands of new jobs has got to be in the best interest of all Americans."

His observation to reporters during a teleconference followed National Petrochemical & Refiners Association Pres. Charles T. Drevna's Sept. 14 praise of a letter from US Reps. Lee Terry (R-Neb.) and Mike Ross (D-Ark.), along with 103 other House members, urging US Senate Majority Harry M. Reid (D-Nev.) to advance as soon as possible their bill setting a deadline for the project's approval. The House approved HR 1938 by 279 to 147 votes on July 26. "The Keystone XL pipeline would provide America with a critically important source of energy and jobs to fuel our economic growth and increase our national security," Drevna said. "America has no better ally than our close friend and neighbor Canada."

Durbin said now that the US Department of State has completed its environmental assessment of the project, which would transport more crude oil recovered from Alberta's oil sands to US refiners, API looks forward to participating in public hearings next week along the proposed route. The meetings will provide another opportunity to showcase the proposed project's major employment, economic, and energy security benefits, he maintained. But another member of Nebraska's congressional delegation said he's not certain he supports the project. US Sen. Ben Nelson (D) said on Sept. 7 that many people in the state oppose its route across the Ogallala aquifer and SandHills. "I'm not certain the State Department is best qualified to address its environmental impacts," he said during a Sept. 7 energy jobs summit on Capitol Hill. "The final decision about its route should be made by the state."  
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## Seahawk bankruptcy plan in effect Tuesday Houston Business Journal (10/4/11)

A bankruptcy plan filed by Houston-based Seahawk Drilling Inc. becomes effective Tuesday, when the company's assets will be moved to a liquidating trust.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Corpus Christi approved the Chapter 11 reorganization plan in April, when many of the company's assets, including 20 jack-up rigs, were sold to Hercules Offshore Inc.

**Hercules Offshore Inc.** Latest from The Business Journals Hercules liftboat struck by waterspouts Hercules shares down on SEC investigation news SEC, DOJ investigate Hercules Offshore foreign operations Follow this company (Nasdaq: HERO) and SD Drilling LLC. The purchase price was 22,321,425 shares of Hercules' common stock plus cash to equal about \$25 million.

An escrow agent will hold the shares in a trust until they are distributed to the creditors and equity holder through the lender, Hayman Capital.

## Chevron Unveils World's Largest Solar Enhanced-Oil-Recovery Project

Chevron Technology Ventures, a division of Chevron U.S.A., launched a unique demonstration project to test the viability of using solar energy to produce oil. The project uses over 7,600 mirrors to focus the sun's energy onto a solar boiler. The steam produced is injected into oil reservoirs to increase oil production. The project is the largest of its kind in the world.

"Through this demonstration, we want to determine the feasibility of using solar power for enhanced oil recovery," said Desmond King, president of Chevron Technology Ventures. "This technology has the potential to augment gas-powered steam generation and may provide an additional resource in areas of the world where natural gas is expensive or not readily available."

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#### Mark your calendars!

**NHMC Club Industry  
Night**  
October 18, 2011

**CAMARADERIE**  
December 10, 2011

**Officer Installation**  
December 14, 2011

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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.

