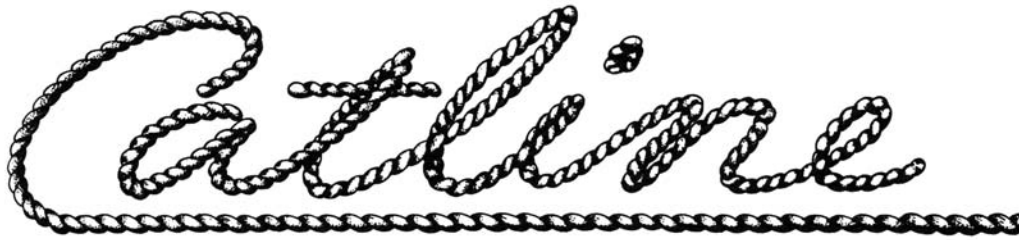


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PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: January 9, 2008

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Doubletree Guest Suites – Galleria
5353 Westheimer Road, Houston TX 713-961-9000

Speakers:

Pat Cook, 2010 ADDC Convention General Arrangements Chairman

Judi Adams, 2007 ADDC Convention General Arrangements Co-Chairman

Topic: Convention Planning Tips, Tricks, and Potential Hazards
Or “Planning for Success in 2010”



Note from the Editor

It's a new year, and I'm your new editor. I've only been a member of the Houston Club for one month, but you've already roped me in! It was great to attend Camaraderie on December 1st – my first official day as a member of this wonderful club. And, later in December it was a privilege to attend the membership meeting when Region IV Director Melinda Montgomery installed our 2008 Board. There is a lot to gain with membership in Desk and Derrick – and this newsletter is one of the many ways that you can be informed. I ask for your patience while I become acclimated to this new assignment – and I request your input as well to make this a useful, informative tool for all of our members. I'm never more than a phone call or e-mail away – please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any information you want included in the newsletter – or if you want to write something yourself!

Judi

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Houston Club President's Newsletter

Greetings and warm wishes for a new year filled with happiness and prosperity to all! I find myself once again honored to have your vote of confidence as I serve the Desk and Derrick Club of Houston in the capacity of club president for the second time. My theme for 2008 is Building Bridges of Education. Each one of us will be responsible for ensuring that our bridge is built to the highest standards, with the best quality materials, and that it will remain intact for years to come.

I hope you are all as enthused as I am regarding this new year! In 2007 I began keeping a list as I heard members discuss thoughts and new ideas for our club. There are several exciting items already on the list and I hope there will be many more to come. Members please continue to bring your ideas to the Board. We will take all items into consideration.

During 2008 we'll find ourselves discussing what we've done, what has worked well, and what we may want to change or implement as we move forward. I ask each member to speak up, contribute your thoughts and suggestions and to embrace change where it benefits our club and our association. Everyone has a voice and a vote – exercise them!

Membership renewal forms for 2008 have been handed out or mailed. If you have not received one, please contact Membership Chairman, LaDonna Hunsinger as soon as possible. **The deadline for dues payment is January 31, 2008.**

Committee chairmen, please take note that we will be setting our 2008 budget next month. This will be a joint meeting of the Board of Directors and the committee chairmen. You should be reviewing last year's files and estimating what your committee's financial needs will be. More details will be forthcoming regarding this matter.

To all 2007 officers, directors and committee chairman, my sincere thanks for your dedication and commitment and for laying the foundation on which we will build our bridge this year. To the 2008 officers, directors and committee chairmen I thank you for volunteering to serve our club and look forward to working closely with all of you. For those members who may not be on the board or serving as a committee chairman, I am depending on you to continue to remain an integral part of our club and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Karol



ADDC President's Newsletter



Dear Fellow Members:

My theme for 2008 will be Focus on the Future. As I mentioned in my candidate goals, I would like to see our Association set some goals for the future and actively work toward them. Let's think of the New Year as a new beginning in which we determine what goals we want to achieve and then dedicate ourselves to their attainment.

I have already set some goals for the board of directors this year. The Budget and Planning Meeting as well as the Pre-Convention Board Meeting will be reduced from two days to one day. In order to accomplish this goal, your board will need to be focused, dedicated and disciplined and from their correspondence with me this describes them perfectly. As a result, this will be a savings to the Association.

In essence, the annual Budget and Planning Meeting is where we begin to look at the past, make decisions on future endeavors, and focus on how to achieve the decisions we make. In order to make the best decisions for the Association, we need an open line of communication between the board and the membership. At this particular meeting, your Regional Director will serve as your liaison. I have read each of the Directors' newsletters, and they have all requested input from you. Please make a special effort to make them aware of anything you think the board needs to consider at this meeting whether it is a new idea or simply a suggested improvement.

I want to especially thank the following members who have volunteered to chair the 2008 Association Committees. These committees are an integral part of the Association.

Club Bylaws Review – Audra Horton; Education – Candi Miller; Membership – Susan Cook; Program – Vicki Newman; Public Relations – Darlene Adams; Rules – Maureen McClean; Tax Exempt, U.S. – Star Hasse; Tax Exempt, Canada – Brian Carter; ADDC Manuals Review – Cathy Pyles; Certification Program – Judi Adams; Contest – Val Williams; Credentials – Diana Walker; *The Desk and Derrick Journal* – Christine Wolfe; EAB- Series 2 – Pat Cook; Leadership Resource – Sherrie Wood; Long Range Planning – Rena Shaffer; Nominating – Cindy Weaver; Publications – Donna Hartig; Scrapbook – Betty Carter; Tally – Nancy Stiner; Trade Show, U.S. – Karol Durham; Trade Show, Canada – Judy Frame; Winning Image Photo – Ginger Lockeby.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for putting your confidence in me by allowing me to serve as your President in 2008.

Sheryl

Region IV Director's Newsletter



*"Sometimes you just have to take the leap,
and build your wings on the way down."*

Those words I really pondered when a good friend of mine gave me a token of inspiration for my year as your Region Director. It pretty much sums up what I am feeling right now - anticipation and nerves, hopes and dreams, successes and failures, but above all that, the sheer excitement of the adventure ahead. I am so looking forward to this year and hope you will share in these adventures with me!

My first adventures started early in November and then again in December when I had the opportunity to serve as the Installing Officer for the members of the Corpus Christi, Houston and Victoria Clubs. Each learning experience gave me insight into the group's dynamics and served to prove how each club is unique and special. Thank you for the warm welcome.

My theme for the year is "Making a Difference One Member at a Time". And that involves all of you – the members. Our Association's whole purpose is to serve membership through education, leadership and professional development. So it doesn't matter how big or how small a step it may be, it is about moving forward, reaching out and making sure that our future success in Desk and Derrick is as good as we can make it. Already I have seen members step up and get involved in new ways by volunteering to serve as a Region Representative. Thanks to everyone's help we are off to a great start.

My first big test to serve you as your Region Director will come when I report to Tulsa the weekend of January 26th for the Budget & Planning meeting. This is your opportunity to share with the Association Board your thoughts for 2008. What ideas, suggestions or questions do you have? Send them all. I am just the voice to pass that information along but you are the foundation.

Things to be watching for as the month progresses:

- ❖ Mary Vaughan, Dallas Club, will be seeking out members who wish to take on their next challenge by running for the position of 2009 Region IV Director. Remember, all you have to do is take that leap!
- ❖ The members of the Graham Club are working hard to finalize plans for the 2008 Region IV Meeting to be held, April 3rd through 5th in Graham. Exciting field trips and seminars are in the works. Stay tuned.

Remember to feel free to contact me anytime for assistance.

'Til then, keep exploring new dreams!

Melinda

Camaraderie 2007

by Valanta Taveirne

Hello everyone. I don't know if you've all heard it as much as I have – so I'll change up the wording a little and just wish you all a good start to 2008!

Our holiday extravaganza – the 2007 Camaraderie Brunch and Silent Auction – was held on December 1 at Brady's Landing. I believe a good time was had by all. I was little "out of it" that day for a few reasons, so it is all kind of a daze for me. But due to the help of many of my beloved friends and family (before, during, and after) hopefully those who attended didn't notice it too much.

We had so many items for the silent auction that it was amazing. In many ways the number of auction items was bittersweet, however, as the majority of them were from the one and only Enid Holderly. Several of Enid's friends and loved ones had gathered items from her home after Enid was taken away from us; most all of these items Enid had already marked to be for "D&D" or "Camaraderie." The items were separated, and some were "freshened," and all were put out for the auction from Enid.

Thanks are given to all those who brought many more items for the silent auction - including many homemade goodies and handmade items - and of course many thanks to all of those who bid on and won everything. Thanks also to those who made monetary donations to the event even if they couldn't attend.

So, with around 63 attendees at the event this year, and with a rough count of over 250 auction items (seriously!), it appears we made a tidy profit thanks to the auction.

Field Trip to San Jacinto Monument

by Judi Adams

The eight Houston club members and guests who ventured to La Porte on November 10 had Valanta to thank for organizing a very educational and fun field trip. For those of you unfamiliar with me - and my travel idiosyncrasies - let me state two things: I don't drive and I don't know much about Houston (yet). So, Karol picked me up and we headed off to the field trip with minimal directions obtained from the monument web site. After driving for almost an hour, it dawned on Karol - "we should have been there by now" and "Judi's not the best navigator around." A quick phone call and a U-turn later, and we were headed toward the Crosby-Lynchburg Ferry exit. After a brief wait for the Lynchburg ferry, we boarded along with about 10 other vehicles (this is ONE SMALL FERRY) and traveled across the channel to La Porte. Sitting at the very front of the ferry was a bit disconcerting – but the trip was mercifully short!

After purchasing our tickets for the museum and other features, we headed to the Jesse H. Jones Theatre for Texas Studies to view the video "Texas Forever!" The video contains over 3,000 images depicting the history of Texas and the historic battle that changed American history. During this April 1836 battle only nine Texans were killed in an 18-minute skirmish that resulted in the capture of Mexican General Santa Anna and the loss of the territory of Texas (and subsequent annexation to the United States).

Following the video, we headed toward the elevator to the Observation Deck. (Ask Marie about the elevator door, please!) From the vantage point of 489' we saw the beautiful skyline of downtown Houston, the busy ship channel that brings in tonnage from over 150 countries, and the USS Texas

Battleship. We also were able to watch a storm coming in on the horizon – a true spectacle of nature! Following the tour of the deck and the museum, which houses many artifacts of Texas history (including pieces of Santa Anna’s dinnerware and period weaponry), our troupe headed to lunch at the Monument Inn. There we enjoyed delicious seafood and an unending supply of hot dinner rolls and cinnamon rolls.

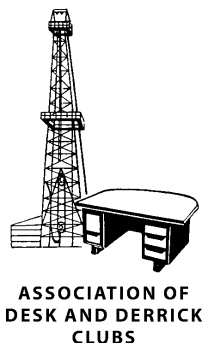
After lunch, Karol and I decided to maximize the experience by visiting the Battleship *Texas*, which is the last of the battleships, patterned after HMS Dreadnought, that participated in World Wars (WW) I and II. Launched in 1912 and commissioned in March 1914, she was at the time the most powerful weapon in the world. In 1916, *TEXAS* became the first U.S. battleship to mount anti-aircraft guns and the first to control gunfire with directors and range-keepers, and in 1919, *TEXAS* became the first U.S. battleship to launch an aircraft. The *TEXAS* received the first commercial radar in the US Navy in 1939. New anti-aircraft batteries, fire control and communication equipment allowed the ship to remain an aging but powerful member of the US naval fleet. In 1940, *Texas* was designated the flagship of the US Atlantic Fleet and the First Marine Division was founded aboard the *TEXAS* early in 1941. On April 21, 1948 the *Texas* was decommissioned. The *TEXAS* now is designated a National Historic Landmark and a National Mechanical Engineering Landmark.

Our self-guided tour took us past the wide range of artillery on deck; below deck, we viewed the dentist office, barber shop, sleeping quarters, laundry, surgery, and galley areas – frozen in time for us to imagine life as it may have been while at sea and at war. This was a very educational and emotional tour and one that we both enjoyed very much. And it is just one more example of something that I never would have done if not for Desk and Derrick!



2008 Club Calendar

January	8	Board Meeting
	9	Membership Meeting
February	5	Board/Committee Meeting
	13	Membership Meeting
March	4	Board Meeting
	12	Membership Meeting
April	1	Board Meeting
	3-5	Region Meeting - Graham, TX
	9	Membership Meeting
May	6	Board Meeting
	14	Membership Meeting
June	3	Board Meeting
	11	Membership Meeting
July	1	Board Meeting
	9	Membership Meeting
August	5	Board Meeting
	13	Membership Meeting Possible Town Hall
September	2	Board Meeting
	10	Membership Meeting
	15-20	Convention - Midland, TX
October	7	Board Meeting
	15	Membership Meeting - Election of 2009 Board
November	4	Board Meeting
	12	Membership Meeting
December	2	Board Meeting
	10	Membership Meeting - Installation of 2009 Board



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