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## August Meeting Notice

Date: August 13, 2008 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Doubletree Guest Suites – Galleria  
5353 Westheimer Road, Houston TX

Speaker: Sandra Mourton, Executive Director  
*Offshore Energy Center*

New educational programs at Ocean Star Energy Museum

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## President's Letter

August 2008

Dear fellow members,

I've certainly missed all of you over the last month. I understand that the July program was quite good and I truly wish I could have been there. There is no doubt in my mind that Pat is doing a superb job standing in for me right now.

Throughout all of the years that I've been a member of Desk and Derrick I've learned a great deal about the energy industry. I've traveled to places I might never have gone, attended and spoken at various seminars, and have gone on several field trips. Yet my biggest blessing has been the numerous friendships I have garnered. I've often told people that I could go anywhere in

the U.S. or Canada where there is a Desk and Derrick member and if I were in need it would only take a phone call or email and those members would be there for me. Such is the case in my recent visit to the home of Jim and Candis Wells.

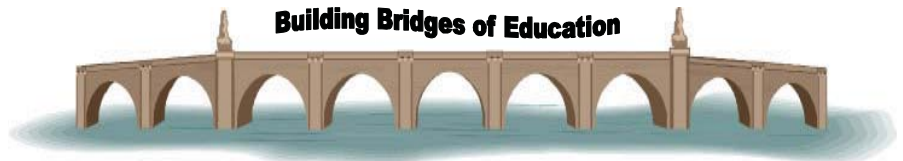
Judi Adams, my boyfriend Jeff, his youngest son and I went up to Palestine for a much needed weekend of R&R. We swam in the new pool, ate *extremely* well, and did a good deal of catching up. Unfortunately on Saturday I had a bad day with a lot of pain and spent most of the day in bed. How wonderful though to have the kind of friends who were not offended and let me rest as much as I needed. (cont. page 2)

*Without wilderness we  
compromise our ability to  
imagine further.*

Rick Bass

*"A Texas Childhood"*

**Building Bridges of Education**



## President's Letter (cont.)

Now for the medical update: I changed doctors and feel that I have finally found someone who is genuinely concerned about finding out what is going on with me! I've undergone numerous blood tests, another colonoscopy, and an endoscopy. I had several biopsies taken of the esophagus, stomach, and of a polyp found in the colon. So far they've found that I have two small ulcers and that I'm definitely still suffering from iron-deficiency anemia. One of the specialized blood tests has shown evidence of Crohn's disease. I'll go for one more round of tests at River Oaks Imaging, then back to the doctor's office to go over the results of all the tests. Although I'm still having the same problems, at least I feel there is finally a light at the end of the tunnel!

I'm so grateful for all the continued well wishes and prayers from not only our Club, but from around the Association as well. It means so much more than I can tell you. Although I still don't know when I'll be back, I'm hopeful it will be sooner rather than later!

Until then, keep up the good work on building those bridges of education!

*Karol*

## ADDC President's Letter

August, 2008

Dear Fellow Members:

I know this is an old saying but time has certainly flown by this year for me. It seemed like only yesterday that I received the gavel from Bonnie Fish, and here we are approaching August with September not far behind. The Fifty-Seventh Annual Convention is fast approaching and I sincerely hope you are planning to attend. There is such a variety of educational field trips and seminars to choose from that I'm sure you will find something that you will enjoy. Don't forget the Certification Program on Wednesday either. You will find additional information from Judi Adams, Chairman of the Certification Program, on the ADDC Web site.

The 2008 Nominating Committee has submitted the slate of candidates for the 2009 ADDC Officers. The Candidates' qualifications and

goals have been sent to the Club Presidents and are posted on the Web site; Members Only, Newsletters & Committee Correspondence, Monthly Letters and Forms. Please take time to review this information. The Candidates Caucus is scheduled at the Pre-Convention Meeting on Thursday, September 18. This affords you the opportunity to meet the candidates, and hear their thoughts about the future of the Association. The election of officers will be the first item of business at the Convention on Saturday, September 20.

I am pleased to announce that the Region II Clubs have submitted a bid for the 2011 Convention. This information has also been sent to the Club Presidents and is posted on the Web site as well. My sincere thanks to Region II for submitting a bid.

The Pre-Convention Board Meet-

ing will be held in Midland on Tuesday, September 16. If you have anything that you would like to submit to your board for discussion or consideration, please send the information to your Regional Director.

As you can tell from the information above, members of your Association have been busy since my last letter; putting the finishing touches on the convention, assembling a slate of candidates for the 2009 ADDC Officers, and preparing a bid for the 2011 convention. As your President, I am very grateful to everyone involved in these endeavors. It takes all of us working together to make our Association successful.

Until next month -

*Sheryl*





# Region IV Director's Letter

August 2008

*A turning point is a day you think a new thought, take action on your new thought, and as a result you change your life. Nothing changes unless something changes and it all starts with you!*

Change doesn't always come easy to us but it is one of those necessary "evils" that can propel us into a new direction for making positive changes. So what changes do you see for Region IV and the Association? Maybe you see some or maybe you see none. But this is the time of year to be asking yourself that very question because the Town Hall meeting is here, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Are you ready? Come prepared with your ideas, suggestions and questions. Let your voice be heard as a member who is looking to make positive changes.

I want to thank the Beaumont Club members and Dora Willett, General Arrangements Chairman, for stepping up and hosting this event. They couldn't have selected a better place than the historical site of Spindletop. The Texas oil boom began there and we are fortunate to be able to carry on in that same Texas spirit to continue to drill deeper and explore further what our industry has to offer.

This month there are two clubs who will be celebrating their Industry Appreciation Nights, Victoria and San Antonio. I'm looking forward to attending both and learning more about each club's unique qualities.

You still have time to register for the ADDC Convention in Midland. Deadline is August 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to expand your knowledge and your circle of friends. It will be an experience upon which to build future opportunities.

Here is your final reminder for the nominations for Nickle's "Energy Industry Person of the Year". Deadline is August 20<sup>th</sup>. Nickle's Energy Group has been supporting the Association for over 25 years beginning in 1983 when they gave the first award. Let's show our thanks to them by increas-

ing Region IV participation in this contest. Each club can nominate up to three members. Forms are on the website.

Remember....If you make a positive change then you've made a difference!

Until next month, safe travels to you all,

*Melinda*



## Houston Reclaims Title as Energy Capital

Houston and the Gulf Coast region have 40% of the nation's petrochemical manufacturing capacity. And, this area is pivotal in supplying the country with vital energy resources like gasoline and other petroleum products. Nearly 1/2 of Houston's industry is oil related. According to Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine, Houston has reclaimed its title of US energy capital.

Eighty percent of Houston's imports are petroleum related—and a large percentage of that is crude oil, which is mostly refined into gasoline.

The US imports around 60% of the oil consumed in the country, and subsequently, Houston's import trade has boomed. It is estimated that the country's crude oil imports will hold steady for the next 20 years, resulting in continued impact on Houston's economy.

Houston is also a major player in processing and marketing oil. The area boasts over 3000 energy related companies, about 600 exploration and production firms, and over 150 pipeline operators. The Energy Corridor along I-10 West generates many jobs and tax revenue for Houston.

As long as there are tankers loaded with oil and consumers for the oil, Houston will work to keep it flowing.

(source: *The Banner*)



Date: July 10, 2008  
 To: All Desk and Derrick Members  
 From: 2008 ADDC Nominating Committee  
 Re: 2009 Slate of Candidates

The ADDC Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for 2009 ADDC Officers:

President-Elect	Donna Siburt	Tuscarawas Valley Club	Region I
Vice-President	Angie Duplessis	Westbank	Region III
Vice-President	Julie M. Wagner	Buckeye	Region I
Secretary	Judith Adams	Houston	Region IV
Treasurer	Ruby Redington	Bartlesville	Region VI

The Slate of Candidates will be officially presented and voted on at the 2008 Convention in Midland, Texas.

The Candidates' Qualifications and Goals are included in this ADO mailing to the Club Presidents. *(Editor's Note: Candidate's Qualifications are also available on-line.)*

Please attend the Pre-Convention / Open Forum on Thursday, September 18, 2008 for the Candidates Caucus.

**Cindy Weaver**  
 2008 Nominating Committee Chairman

**Candidate's Goals—Donna Siburt (President-Elect)**

As Association President Elect, I would like to see us put more emphasis on our public relations and how we promote ourselves. We need to make ourselves more visible to all segments of the energy industry and work to bring together those segments.

There are so many more avenues we could travel down to get new members but we have to put ourselves out there and promote Desk and Derrick and what it has to offer. We need to demonstrate that we have opportunities for members to grow both personally and professionally and we can all start with our own employers by promoting our clubs and the work that is done locally.

**Candidate's Goals—Angie Duplessis (Vice President)**

I believe that we must promote education and professional development, not just those who work in the energy and allied industries, but for anyone who is interested in learning about our industry. Community service is very important by which volunteering and spending time in the community we are able to spread the knowledge and share the Desk and Derrick vision; therefore gaining a source of potential members. As a member of Desk and Derrick, I look to increase my knowledge of the organization and hope to provide a better understanding of our relationship to the industry.

**Candidate's Goals—Julie Wagner (Vice President)**

My goals are to gain a broader working knowledge of the Association by working with members from across the Regions to gather and share ideas to retain and grow membership, and to enthusiastically promote *our* organization by sharing with others the variety of educational opportunities available through membership in the ADDC.



**Candidate's Goals—Judi Adams  
(Secretary)**

My goals: provide accurate, timely minutes for all Board Meetings during 2009 and promote the importance and value of Association membership. Serving as the Association Secretary provides opportunities to learn about varied aspects of the Association, Regions, and Clubs and contribute ideas that will help promote the Association. Each member is a valuable asset, bringing levels of experience, knowledge, and character, which can benefit all of us. And we all can maximize our membership through sharing those attributes with others in the Association and our industries. "Greater Knowledge-Greater Service" is more than just words - it's a commitment!

**Candidate's Goals—Ruby Redington  
(Treasurer)**

My goals as 2009 Treasurer is:

- 1) to understand the procedures and expectations at the ADDC level. This will help me to communicate more effectively with all members.
- 2) to secure organized methods that will serve as continuous improvement and ensure tasks are completed on a timely basis.

**To: Desk and Derrick Members**

From: Judi Adams, Certification Committee Chairman

Date: August 2008

The Certification Committee is excited to present the educational certification program at the annual ADDC Convention. Last year, several Desk and Derrick members completed the first full six-year course – which included passing comprehensive examinations on each subject - and they will receive a Petroleum Technician Certificate.

This year, the Certification Committee will start the second round of the program with the first of the six curricula, Introduction to Geology. Instructor Sidney Tuffly, a geologist and educator in Midland, Texas, is eager to present a fun and educational session using the "Practical Petroleum Geology" text book – an industry standard – and hands-on activities to broaden your knowledge of geology. Registration fees are \$75 for members and \$125 for non-members and include the textbook.

Are you looking for an effective way to increase your value at work? Do you want to further expand your knowledge of the petroleum industry? This is an easy and inexpensive process available to all members and any interested parties. In just six years, you too can have a Petroleum Technician certificate.

Have you taken one or two of the courses previously? Sign up to take the rest and earn YOUR certificate. In the coming years at Convention, the courses will cover: Geology, Land and Leasing, Drilling, Completion and Production, Marketing, and Accounting.

The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs, with support of the ADDC Foundation, is very excited about this opportunity to provide our members with an outstanding educational program meant to increase your value to your employer and the petroleum industry. It's not too late to register!



New Members: Tiffany Glenn and Kimberly Ray



New Member: Becky Pitts

## CONVENTION BID—2011

Proposed Convention Site: **St. Louis, MO**

Club(s) Bidding: **Region II Clubs (Bay Area, Olney, Heartland, Little Egypt)**

Region: **II**

How would you rate industry support in the Bid City? **Limited in actual city, excellent in the surrounding area, specifically southern Illinois.**

Does the Bid City have a Convention Bureau/Chamber of Commerce/Tourist Association that would be willing to assist with convention? If so, in what ways? **Yes, they will provide information on activities, the city and also assist with transportation for field trips.**

What are the proposed dates for the Convention? **September 14–18, 2011**

What Hotel do you plan to use for the Convention Hotel? **Hyatt Riverfront**

At the time of your bid what will be the cost of the hotel rooms?

**\$154 – Standard (Single, Double, Triple, Quad)**

**\$173 – Regency Club Level**

What is the current city hotel tax rate? **14.99%**

What is the current city tax rate? **State 6.575%**

What is the estimated percent of increase on the room rate over the next 3 years?  
**Hotel is currently committed to holding the \$154.00 Rate**

What Airlines service the bid city? **All major airlines**

What proposed field trips (both industry and non-industry) and seminars are you considering for the Convention?

**Non Industry Field Trips – Gateway Arch, Anheuser-Busch Brewery & Grant Farms, St Louis Zoo, Cathedral Basilica of St Louis, City Tour of “The Hill”, “Old Town”, etc.**

**Industry Field Trips – Possibly a visit to Marathon’s barge dock & pumping station, local refinery or related trips with companies in area.**

**Seminars – Will continue the Certification series, balance to be determined**



## **July Program Recap—Personal Safety by Judi Adams**

At the July meeting of the Houston Desk and Derrick Club, Texas State Trooper John Sampa educated us about personal safety and ways to reduce the risk of being a victim. Citing 2005 and 2006 statistics, it appears that crime has decreased slightly but hearing the news twice a day, it still is smart to follow some of the suggestions Trooper Sampa provided.

Over 27 million citizens in the US were victims of identity theft—and many did not know about it until they were denied credit due to activity that negatively impacted their credit. Credit cards are the # 1 means of identity theft—cards or card numbers stolen and misused.

Some things you can do to prevent identity theft include never giving out your credit card or personal info over the phone or the internet unless you are 100% sure of the person or business with which you are dealing, use a free credit report service to check your credit history, regularly review your credit card and bank statements to ensure only your usage is shown, shred all personal information and credit/financial papers, and don't carry extra credit cards, your social security card or your passport with you.

If you are (or suspect you are) a victim of identity theft, you should notify the local police or sheriff's office to obtain a criminal report, notify the local driver's license office, notify all creditors and merchants of any unauthorized charges, and notify your bank. Additional information can be found at [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us) or [www.identity-theft-help.us](http://www.identity-theft-help.us).

Ways to reduce the risk of being a victim:

Stay alert—be aware of your surroundings; Walk with purpose—don't act or look like you are lost; Make eye contact with people on the street; Trust your instincts — if something doesn't feel right, leave!; Dress to blend in—don't look out of place; Divide your money up — don't keep it all in one place and keep some readily available to offer—just in case; Carry your purse with care—don't leave in shopping baskets, etc. Don't talk w/ strangers or act like you are lost; Be aware of those inside your personal space—if they are too close, move!; Walk with 2 or 3 other people if possible; and Check around an ATM machine before using it — if it doesn't feel safe, don't use it.

If you are attacked:

Remain calm—if possible; Evaluate your options (recognize the situation; assess the situation; decide on a plan of action); Get an accurate description; and Note direction and description of travel (by foot or vehicle)

Trooper Sampa talked about some new Texas laws that affect handguns and advised us on use of weapons for personal protection. Remember that you are responsible for the weapon, know how to use it and be mentally and psychologically prepared to use it, and make the weapon a means of escape — use it and get away.

Travel safety should include keeping your vehicle in good condition, keeping your gas tank at least 1/2 full, locking doors and keeping windows up, staying alert, traveling with a cell phone, using only well-traveled roads, leaving space between your car and the one in front of you at lights, stopping at only well-lit gas stations, and giving a friend or family member an itinerary or travel plan.

Throughout the presentation we queried our speaker about personal and travel issues and received very sound and useful advice. One of the most important things he suggested was to keep ICE listed in your cell phone—*In Case of Emergency*—with emergency phone numbers of your spouse, work, home, etc.—this can save valuable time when trying to contact someone in event something should happen.

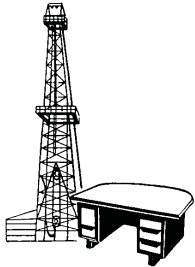
Stay alert—stay safe!



Trooper Sampa and Pat Cook



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2010 Convention	Pat Cook

### Upcoming Events

**57th ANNUAL ADDC CONVENTION**

September 14 - 20, 2008

Midland, Texas

Hosted by the  
 Desk and Derrick Clubs of Region V

**Camaraderie Brunch**

December 6, 2008