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Dear Members,

It seems impossible that it is already October. The weather is getting cooler, thankfully, as some of us are still waiting for power and trying to put our lives back together from the devastation of Hurricane Ike. Hopefully each of you is now on the road to recovery.

A number of your fellow members traveled to Midland to the ADDC Convention. It was a great convention – the Region V members worked very hard to put together an outstanding meeting with many educational opportunities. We had two first timers from the Houston Club attend – Joel Battle and Kimberly Ray. Look for their thoughts elsewhere in this issue. Congratulations to Gladys Oakley for reaching 55 years of membership. Wow, what an achievement! And, I'm proud to announce that our own Judi Adams was elected to serve as 2009 ADDC Secretary on the Association Board of Directors. She'll make us all proud! We'll have other information to share with you at the October membership meeting.

Our October membership meeting is our Annual Meeting. We'll be voting on the slate of candidates for the 2009 Houston Club Board of Directors. We also have some decisions to make on proposed changes to the Houston Club By-laws. Please come prepared to cast your vote and help chart the future course of our great club.

Remember to mark your calendars for Camaraderie on Saturday, December 6 at E. Richey Gardens & Banquet Facility, 1600 East Richey Road. The registration form is included in this issue of *The Catline*. We're exploring a new venue for this fun kick-off to the holiday season and encourage you to invite friends and family to join you for this fun event.

See you next Wednesday.

Pat



ADDC President's Letter

October 2008

Dear Fellow Members:

I want to congratulate the Midland Club and the Region V members for an outstanding convention. If you have never hosted an ADDC Convention, you would be overwhelmed with the "behind the scenes" work involved. They all did an outstanding job hosting the 57th Annual Convention.

Your Board of Directors handled all business set before them at the Pre-Convention Board Meeting in a timely manner. As with the Budget and Planning Meeting, the members came prepared to take care of business in one day, and they did just that. This was not only a considerable savings to the Association but it allowed the members an extra day in their office, with family, or the opportunity to attend the excellent field trip that was offered on Monday. Highlights of the meeting will be posted to the Web site within a few days. I will let you know when they are available.

All ADDC committees are asked to submit an annual report. Most of these reports were presented at the convention this year. All reports will be posted on the ADDC Web site within the next several days. This will afford those who could not attend convention, the opportunity to read the reports that were presented, and everyone the opportunity to read reports that were not presented. I will let you know when these reports are available.

The approved ads for the shared advertising program among clubs are located on the Web site; Members only, Newsletters and Committee Correspondence, Monthly Letters and Forms – September 2008. These ads were created for the clubs' use so please take advantage of them.

I will be sending a letter to the club presidents in the near future addressing several items that I discussed during my June visit with Katherine G. Coyle, an attorney with Conner and Winters in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I still need more clarification on some of the items that were discussed.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the individuals who will be serving with me as Immediate Past President on the 2009 ADDC Board of Directors. Good luck to all of you.

President	Reginia Garner
President-Elect	Donna Siburt
Vice President	Angie Duplessis
Secretary	Judi Adams
Treasurer	Ruby Redington
Region I Director	Christine Wolfe
Region II Director	Marsha Bundy
Region III Director	Elaine Lesnak
Region IV Director	Lois Roberts
Region V Director	Linda Clark
Region VI Director	Linda Gau
Region VII Director	Brian Carter

I want to thank Kim Oelze, 2007 Region II Director, for the generous donation we received from Oelze Equipment Company, LLC to fund the development of the lesson plan that will complement the Energy Activity Book. An agreement with Dr. Kay Zellmer has been approved with the completion date set for July, 2009. I met with Kay last April, and she has some exciting plans for this publication. Your Board of Directors will keep you apprised of the progress.

Congratulations to Nell Lindenmeyer, 2008 U. S. Energy Person of the Year and Marilyn Carter, 2008 Canadian Energy Person of the Year. These awards are sponsored by Nickle's Energy Group which makes a donation to the ADDC Foundation and the Educational Trust in the recipient's name. I want to also thank all clubs that submitted entries for this award. When I spoke with Doreen McArthur prior to convention, she was extremely pleased with the number of entries. Please, let's continue to support this program in the same manner each year.

I want to also recognize the members who received the first Petroleum Technician Certificate of Completion for completing all of the requirements in this curriculum. This was a six year endeavor, and they are to be commended for their dedication. Receiving this award were Donna Altomari, Doris Burak, Sue Carscadden, Debbie English, Maureen McClean, Sheryl Minear and Rita Novak. I think they will all agree with me, this was well worth the effort.

Until next month....

Sheryl





Region IV Director's Letter

October 2008

Thank you Midland and Region V members!

If you weren't at this year's convention in Midland then you really missed out. The Midland Club and other members of Region V put on a great performance. The Texas hospitality flowed from everyone including the registration and hospitality rooms, the hotel staff and the speakers and field trip and seminar presenters. They really welcomed everyone in style. As a native Texan, I was very proud of our state.

We did have to forego seeing some familiar faces though due to the wraths of Hurricane Ike. Not only was the Texas Gulf Coast affected but members trying to fly to Midland through Houston had to scramble at the last minute to reschedule flights or in a worse case drive the long drive to West Texas. To my fellow members in the NHMC, Houston and Beaumont Clubs, I hope this letter finds you recovering well from the hurricane. It has definitely been a roller coaster ride before, during and after the storm. To our Louisiana neighbors, my prayers are with you all as well as Ike and Gustav have not been kind. But as Americans we are all very resilient and we will continue to persevere and rebuild. D&D members from around the Association are sending their prayers our way.

Congratulations to our new 2009 Association Board of Directors: Regina Garner, Donna Siburt, Angie Duplessis, Judi Adams and Ruby Reddington, as well as our 2009 Region IV Director-Elect Lois Roberts. We are all looking forward to a great year ahead under their capable hands.

The business meetings went off smoothly. All of the proposed amendments to the bylaws passed with a unanimous vote. Therefore, we now have 7 regions, not 8, and we no longer have to refer to them as active or inactive regions. The Bylaws, regional map and any other document referencing the regions will be modified to reflect the changes.

All of Region IV was represented with the exception of Beaumont, no thanks to Ike. Our newest club, Wise County, had three members in attendance. I think we've got all three of them hooked now on convention! Way to go members for your help.

Region IV clubs did well in the AIMEE awards. Congratulations to each of you as well. Keep writing those articles as the contest deadline will be approaching in

December for 2009 submissions.

Speaking of contests, I would like to thank and congratulate not only the Region IV clubs but all US clubs for the many names submitted in the Nickle's Energy U.S. Energy Person of the Year award. They received over 40 names for the U.S. award. The winner was Nell Lindenmeyer of Farmington, NM, Region V. Nickle's Energy Group was very impressed by all entries. You came through for the Association this year, so please keep it going next year.

Watch for more news from your Club Presidents and press releases from ADDC in the 20th mailing.

Until next month,

Melinda



2008 Camaraderie from Valanta Taveirne

The 2008 Camaraderie is quickly approaching!

The event will be held on the 6th of December this year. Please make sure you've marked your calendars – and make note of the new location also. We'll be at the **E. Richey Gardens & Banquet Facility** located at 1600 E. Richey Road (take E. Richey exit off I-45N or the Hardy Toll Road and go east - see www.ericheygardens.com for a map or ask me for directions!).

Since we are only **ten** weeks away from the big day – please be spreading the word to your friends, family, and coworkers who will be joining us for the fun (and mimosas) that day. Make sure they have marked the date on their calendar as well.

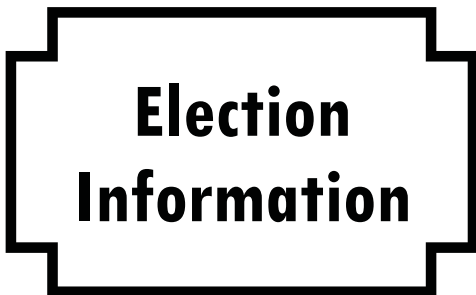
Also, be thinking of things you'd like to donate for the silent auction.

We'll have plenty of room for all of us and for lots of auction items – so come prepared to have lots of fun, spend quality time together, and spend some money getting a jump start on your holiday shopping! We'll miss being at Brady's Landing this year, but this banquet facility is lovely and we think you'll enjoy it as well. (Registration form on page 7)

We'll be happy to collect donated items for the auction at any of the monthly meetings between now and the Camaraderie. We'll also be trying to schedule a work party to get things prepared. But, with everything that we all have been going through the last few weeks, an exact date for same has not yet been set. We'll be in touch!

Thanks, take care – and see you soon!
Valanta

Desk and Derrick Club of Houston Candidates for Board of Directors - 2009



President	Patricia Cook
Vice President	Judi Adams
Secretary	Judy Turner
Treasurer	Tiffany Glen
Director	Jackie Garcia Angela Hicks



2009 Board of Directors Nominees
Jackie Garcia, Angela Hicks, Judy Turner, Pat Cook, Judi Adams, Tiffany Glen, Kelley Sebesta

2008 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSTON CLUB BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

Proposed Amendment No. 1

Amend Article VIII – Meetings, Section 2.

Now Reads:

- A. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held once each month, prior to the regular monthly meeting of the club, at a time and place designated by the President.
- B. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors. No matter shall be considered at a special meeting except that stated in the call to the meeting.

Amend to Read:

The Board of Directors shall hold meetings as needed to handle the business of the club with a minimum of quarterly meetings. The President or a majority of the members of the Board may call for additional Board meetings. Any business requiring a vote handled between Board meetings shall be ratified at the next Board meeting.



**ADDC Convention
2008**



JOEL'S THOUGHTS ON CONVENTION

This was my first Desk and Derrick convention, and I found it to be very interesting and informative. I also learned much about the awesome task to organizing and conducting a convention, as we will be doing in 2010. A convention is an "All Hands" evolution, and we will need everyone in our group to pitch in to make it successful. Additionally, we will need the help of our neighboring Desk and Derrick groups.

The symposium during the convention was very interesting. There was a panel that was rather unique in that one of the panelists was an FBI agent. You would think that the FBI has nothing to do with the oil and gas industry, but he had quite a bit to say regarding theft in our industry. It was very interesting and informative.

Another panelist was a Petroleum Geologist with a great sense of humor. He had a lot of interesting comments on our present energy situation and the future. He believes that we must increase drilling, both onshore and offshore, while at the same time developing alternative energy sources.

The third panelist was a Midland business man, and he gave his perspective of the energy industry. He also supported increased drilling and development of alternative energy. —Joel Battle

My trip to the Desk and Derrick Convention in Midland, Texas September 15-21, 2008 by Kimberly Ray

Thanks to Hurricane Ike, my trip to convention was delayed two days. I was supposed to leave on Sunday, September 14, 2008 from Hobby airport. But, I was unable to get there in time for the field trips to Carlsbad Caverns on Monday, September 15 and to the Texas Power Complex, Sivals Inc., Presidential Museum, Ellen Noel Art Museum, and Globe Theatre on Tuesday, September 16, 2008. Needless to say I was greatly disappointed that I was unable to enjoy the field trips.

Since Hobby airport did not open fully until Tuesday, September 16 my first day at convention was on my birthday, Wednesday, September 17. I spent the day visiting TEPPCO, which owns and operates one of the largest common carrier pipelines of refined petroleum products and liquefied petroleum gases in the United States; owns and operates petrochemical and natural gas liquid pipelines; is engaged in crude oil transportation, storage, gathering and marketing; and owns and operates natural gas gathering systems. Some of the tanks were actually built in the 1920's. It was amazing to hear what they do. I have always seen the tanks from the car; however, I never realized where they get the oil from until I visited TEPPCO. After visiting TEPPCO the next stop was Susie's South Forty Confections candy factory. I learned first hand how they make handmade toffee. I also was able to taste and buy candy to take home with me. (Go to www.susiessouthforty.com to learn more.) After visiting the candy factory we stopped at OMNI Laboratories, the world's second-largest core analysis facility. OMNI adds important components to Weatherford's multidisciplinary geo-science and engineering capability, including one of the industry's most experienced teams of geologists, engineers and technicians. That night the Houston club went to Luigi's Italian Restaurant for dinner.

On Thursday, I attended the pre-convention meeting and open forum; that evening was spent at Summer Mumpers in the Yucca Theater. Like the brochure says, it cannot be explained, you have to experience it in person. I have never been to anything like it before. I highly recommend that you experience Summer Mumpers if you are visiting Midland, TX in the summer.

On Friday, September 19, 2008, I attended my first ADDC Business Session and heard excellent speakers during the business session and at lunch. That evening I had the opportunity to visit the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum where I enjoyed excellent barbecue and great music. The Petroleum Museum is a good location to introduce you to the petroleum industry. (I know that it help me, because I am new to the oil business). I was able to see first hand ancient and modern drilling rigs and seismic demonstrations.

On Saturday, September 20, I attended the last business session and again enjoyed an excellent speaker at the luncheon. That evening at the banquet, a magician entertained us, and I won a basket of goodies. Through out the convention, I met women and men from all over the United States and Canada. Even though I am a native Texan, I have never been that far west. If you have never attended a Desk and Derrick convention, I highly recommend that you do, I believe that you would enjoy it as much as I did. I want to attend the 2009 convention in Canada and hope to see you there.

September Speaker Recap by Judi Adams

Dr. Jude Theriot, our speaker in September, presented a program on "disordered language in acquired brain injury" and helped us better understand how the brain works for communication. The four main modules of language—naming, comprehension, writing, and reading—can be affected (not always equally) by a brain injury. Language is a collection of these modules that normally operate seamlessly together. But, when there is injury to a portion of the brain that affects one of the operative areas, the person may have problems with naming items, reading the written word, making sounds or forming words. These language deficits can lead to miscommunication, confusion, and frustration for the patient as well as those interacting with him or her.

Dr. Theriot works with rehabilitation of patients who are past the acute stage. It can take a lifetime for recovery from a brain injury, but most recovery happens in the first 1 or 2 years after injury. Communication is something we do automatically—without thinking about the mechanics of it—but a brain injury can impact the cognitive functions that are essential to communication and can change your entire world.



**The Desk and Derrick Club of Houston
Cordially Invites You To Our 2008 Camaraderie
Champagne Brunch & Silent Auction**

**Saturday, December 6, 2008
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

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Houston, Texas 77073
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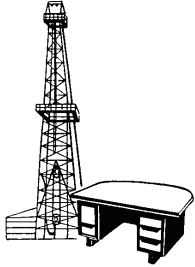
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Please include your name & club affiliation.
If bringing guests, please include their names also.
If you'd like to be seated at a specific table, let us know!**

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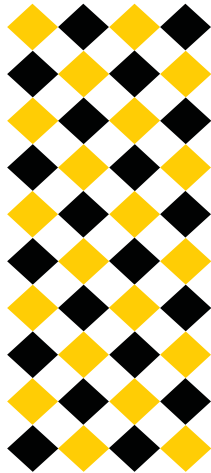
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Rules	Donna Altomari
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Special Committees

History	Barbara Landrum
2010 Convention	Pat Cook

Upcoming Meetings

Doubletree Guest Suites – Galleria
5353 Westheimer Road, Houston TX
6:00 p.m.

October Meeting

October 8, 2008
Speaker: Bradley R. Govreau
Chief Operating Officer, Titan Oil Recovery

November Meeting

November 12, 2008
Speaker: John R. Farina
Consulting Petroleum Engineer

December Meeting

December 10, 2008
Barbara Landrum
Installation of Officers