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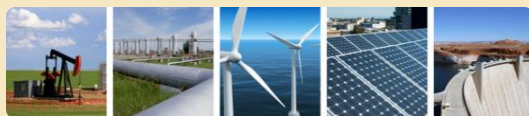
Tulsa Desk and Derrick Club Members:

It's a new year, and another opportunity to make it a great one! Hope everyone is ready to "dig in" with Desk and Derrick....

Please note that our upcoming January meeting is **Wednesday, January 13**, beginning at 11:30 at the Tulsa Summit Club. You don't want to miss this month's speaker: Nancy Robinson-Masters.

Nancy is a motivational speaker and author of several books, one of which she will be presenting, "*Turning Your Downs Into Ups*". Talk about timely! Also, we will be giving away an autographed copy of her book at our luncheon, so when you arrive, be sure and secure your ticket for a chance to win! As always, parking is free but don't forget to stamp your ticket before leaving.

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The Desk and Derrick Club of Tulsa Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 ~ 11:30 am
Tulsa Summit Club, 15 West 6th Street

Keynote Speaker

Nancy Robinson Masters

Author and Motivational Speaker Presenting:

“Turning Your Downs Into Ups”

Visit Nancy’s website at nancyrobinsonmasters.com



Luncheon price is \$27 for members and \$32 for non-members, ***if paying by credit card.*** There is a \$2 discount for payment by cash or check. Guests are allowed at any meeting **EXCEPT** the designated Annual Business Meeting, which for 2015 is October.

Members and guests **must** make a reservation for meal functions by emailing or calling the contact chairperson, Laura Disinger at reservations@tulsadandd.net or (918) 845-8365. Members may attend the meeting only – no meal for no fee, but please do let the Contact Chairman know ahead of time. You should do so by the Friday prior to the meeting. All attendees need to make a reservation.

Remember that our unemployed members receive their lunch for \$18. And, we will have a 50/50 drawing so bring an extra dollar or two to get into this pot.

Like last year, Connie and a few other ADDC Board members will visit Tulsa for business and planning meetings, and they have reached out to our Club and asked if anyone would be interested in meeting them on a personal level while they are here. The date set aside is Thursday, January 21st, at 6 p.m. A small dining room at The Bistro at Seville has been tentatively reserved to accommodate our group, we just need to know if you will be able to join us. Consider putting it on your calendar, please. This is a great opportunity to have a one-on-one visit with our organization's leaders, and show them some true Oklahoma hospitality to boot! Feel free to contact me, and I look forward to adding your name to our growing list of attendees.

Heads Up! Our February luncheon speaker is Lori Fulbright, from KOTV, Channel 6 here in Tulsa. She'll be bringing safety topics of interest that will be of "real-time" importance and information. Lori gives an excellent job of safety tips, some that will surprise you and hopefully some you can use. But more information will be forthcoming as we get closer to that date: Wednesday, February 10th. Consider this a "paper clip" for your calendar next month!

Also, this year our Club's participation in the annual TGS Golf Tournament will be early this year – **April 25th at Forest Ridge Country Club**. We will need you! Volunteer information will be coming from Laura Disinger, our Fundraiser/Golf Tournament Chair. Let's begin to talk this up among your co-workers, family and friends so no one will be too late in getting signed up for this annual event.

Thanks for your time and attention to our Club. I look forward to seeing you next week.

Karen Gibbs

President 2016

Christmas Social





Desk and Derrick Club of Tulsa

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Stay the Course

Get Connected

Be Committed

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Director 2015-2016	Betty Hodge
Director 2016-2017	Alex Schellhorn
Director 2016-2017	OPEN

Standing Committees

Bulletin	Kay Williams / Co-Chair OPEN
Bylaws	Kris Russell
Contact	Laura Disinger
Convention	Jill Klein
Education	OPEN
Membership	Jill Klein
Orientation	OPEN
Program	Vicki Barnes
Public Relations	Dee Jansen
Roster/Website	Val Bode
Scrapbook	OPEN
Social	Brenda Bennett & Susan Cook / Co-Chairs

Special Committees

Abbreviator	Gaye Marrs
ADDC Awards	Kay Williams
ADDC Nominating	<i>Board Elects in April</i>
Student Outreach/Scholarship	OPEN
Fundraising	Laura Disinger
Golf Tournament	Laura Disinger
Historian	OPEN
Industry Appreciation	Mary Williams
Nominating	<i>Board Elects in August</i>
Tally	OPEN
Vision	Mary Williams



Desk and Derrick Club of Tulsa

2016 Dates to Remember

BOARD MEETING	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	MEAL/FUNCTION
January 4th	January 13 th	Lunch
February 1st	February 10 th	Lunch
February 29th	March 9 th	Lunch/D&D Awareness
April 4th	April 13 th	Lunch
May 2nd	May 11 th	Lunch
May 31 ^{st*}	June 8 th	Lunch
June 27 ^{th**}	July 13 th	Lunch
August 1st	August 10 th	Dinner Summer Social
August 29 th	September 14 th	Lunch
October 3 rd	October 12 th	Lunch/Orientation/Elections (Closed meeting)
November 1 ^{st***}	November 9 th	Lunch/Industry Appreciation
December 5 th	December 14 th	Dinner Social/Installation

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Meeting w/National Board visiting Tulsa: Thursday, January 21, 2016 The Bistro?

Vision 2016: OPEN February 2016, Tulsa

Region VI: April 28 through May 1, 2016 in Great Bend, KS

65th Annual ADDC Convention: September 21-24, 2016 in Denver, CO
(Region VII) Crowne Plaza Hotel

*Monday, May 30th is Memorial Day

**Monday, July 4th is Independence Day

***Monday, October 31st is Halloween

Welcome to 2016 from President Karen Gibbs

Dear fellow Club members,

Honestly, it is my great privilege and honor to work with you as we maneuver the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Thank you for putting your confidence in me as you make a commitment to Desk and Derrick. Together we will continue to work towards growth and education in this never-ending and ever-changing industry. The highs and lows come and go, and still this Club has preserved for over 60 years...and with everyone joining together, we can ensure that our Club is around for younger generations in years to come.

My Papa was a coal miner in the hills of Alabama. Back in the depression era, Roosevelt formed the Public Works Administration (aka WPA), which provided money for jobs in the early, new stages of coal mining. It was either the coalmine, or the sawmill. Papa chose the mines. He got up before the rooster crowed, put more wood in the stove, and stoked the fire to blazing so Granma could cook his biscuits and gravy before he hit the mine at 6 a.m. each morning – six days a week, sunup to sundown. It was hard, backbreaking work, and a lot of times he was on his knees crawling through narrow tunnels, his headlamp only dimly showing the way around the next rock group. Still, he was glad to have a job.

It was a time of excitement, but also just as dangerous, as families and workers soon came to realize. This was a “new deal”; the opportunity to resurrect themselves from the heartbreak of bad times, and the too familiar word, “bankruptcy”, which most folks faced. Those were dark times, but the light of coal in the fireplaces and kitchen stoves brought the welcome warmth and the Light. There was encouragement; Papa told me.... this will be a way we can once again pull ourselves up by our bootstraps and keep on going.

Here is an article written by William C. Pryor in 1938, promoting Roosevelt’s WPA in the hills of Alabama, Mr. Pryor reports....

There is in fact nothing beautiful in Carbon Hill, Alabama, but the spirit of the people. That, however, seems to be quite enough to have enabled the town to survive through a period of economic disaster and the people we talked to were practically unanimous in feeling that the Administration has saved the town from oblivion and they were, therefore, grateful. Whether the town can ever depend again entirely on the income from the mining industry and get along as it is now is a question . . . but if the courage and the will of the people mean anything they will make a good try.

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We must also make a good try. We can also once again pull ourselves up by our bootstraps and keep on going. There will be a Light. It might be a while coming, but it will come.

The Industry Appreciation Luncheon theme in November was spot on about our “now” times. What do we do now? Where do we go from here? What is going to happen next? We might not be able to control the oil or natural gas prices or the number of jobs that have been eliminated. We can only see through the dimly lit path ahead of us right now, but there will be a Light at the end of the tunnel. And it will NOT be another train. There **will** be good economic times once again. We **will** need oil, natural gas, coal seam gases, wind power, and other natural resources once again. And there **will** be jobs and new ventures again too. If history is history, as surely it is, it will repeat itself. Where there is a will, there’s a way.

We must also make a good try.

Just as the simple folks in the hills of Alabama were given a new opportunity and believed, we too must believe that there will be a “new deal”. There is always Hope. We cannot live without Hope. Hope is in our future; just as sure as the rainbow follows the rain. It does exist.

So what do we do in the meantime, while we “tread water” in this ever-growing cesspool of unknowns and bad news...and low prices at the pumps? We....

- STAY THE COURSE
- GET CONNECTED
- BE COMMITTED

It’s a good try, and I hope to lead this Club in its efforts to try.



DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF TULSA

President's Letter

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hopefully by the time this is read everyone will have their decorations down, packed away, and life has returned back to normal; normal? Or at least back to school, work, job seeking, paying the bills normal, again. Opening up to us, are another NEW year, a NEW beginning, and a NEW clean slate. And we've been given 365 brand NEW blank days to write our story. What a gift!

And what a gift our Club has received already in the transfer of three active members of the Bartlesville Club. We welcome you, and are eagerly looking forward to meeting you and getting to you know. Your impressive past roles and successes in the Bartlesville Club are recognized and applauded. We're ready for you, and please feel free to "fill in" wherever you're so inclined to do. Welcome!

On one of those blank pages, I hope you'll continue to write your story of successes, accomplishments, and of good health. And I know you'll again write your Desk and Derrick story of support and Club involvement as we begin with a new slate of Officers and Board members for 2016. We've got a lot of writing to do and a lot of blank spaces to fill.

But the good news is, we don't write our story alone; we have Club members who've been doing these Committees for years. They know the History of the Tulsa Club, and they know your hesitation, your concerns. Thanks to those who've stepped "out of their comfort zone", our Club has grown, and provided our Community with knowledge and facts about the energy industry. Thank you.

And now as we begin again on this oh-so rocky course, please consider how your thoughts, ideas, and even dreams, can impact our Club's growth, education and support to our Community. You can make a difference. We're thankful to those who've in the past stepped out and chosen to take on new challenges and roles, where I'm sure at times they couldn't possibly see the step in front of them, not to mention the staircase itself. Because that's the direction we're going. Up! But they did. And we can too. Let us also choose to STAY THE COURSE, GET CONNECTED and BE COMMITTED.

Our Club became the benefactor of all these past Members' efforts and deeds, and our Club will continue to grow, educate and support our Communities. Thank you for stepping out and stepping up when called upon for help. We can do this. And together we will.

Have a great year!

Karen Gibbs

Region VI Members,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope all of you had a blessed Christmas and were able to spend time with your loved ones. I am not sure where all the time is going but it seems like yesterday when I was elected as the Region VI Director Elect and now I am busy working as your Region VI Director.

Let me introduce myself a little more. I am Tammy Watkins and I am a member of the Enid Club. I have been a Desk & Derrick Member for 8 years and have served on every position in my club as well as the Secretary from Region VI last year. I am a Petroleum Landman and have been for the last 10 years. I am also a member of AAPL and YPL. If at any time during the year you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 580.554.2267, I want to be available to all of you and hope that we can build a great team base for our Region.

This year is going to be exciting as we travel to Great Bend, KS for our Region VI meeting held April 28, 2016 – May 1, 2016. I have already been to visit Great Bend and the club is successful putting together our events, fieldtrips and seminars. Please mark your calendars because you will not want to miss what they have in store for us. More details on the Region VI Meeting will be available soon.

I know that everyone in Region VI is working at retaining members since we have seen a decline in the Oil and Gas Industry, but remember the ADDC Board passed a new bylaw that states:

“Membership in a Desk and Derrick Club may be granted to individuals actively employed in, affiliated with or retired from the petroleum, energy and allied industries as well as individuals interested in increasing their knowledge about these industries; to former Desk and Derrick members; and to individuals who are enrolled in an accredited course of study with a declared major in the petroleum, energy and allied industries.”

Please keep the new bylaw in mind as you invite and recruit people to join your club.

I am working on putting together a Leadership Training Class and I will open this up to anyone that wants to join the Region VI Club Presidents and myself. If you missed Convention they had a Stepping Up to Leadership presentation that we will touch on and you could even use this tool as an educational program at one of your meetings this year.

Remember your dues are due by the end of January. If you have any questions about where find your form online please let me know. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you better and cannot wait to see what this year brings!

Tammy Watkins

Region VI Director

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December 29, 2015

Embrace the Evolution

It is the binging of a new year. With it comes the promises of fresh starts, and new beginnings. In a word, it is a time of change. Through the years we have heard much talk of change in the Association. I have an issue with the word change. It can often stir feelings of anxiety and dread. Many are afraid of change. That's why I prefer to look at variations to ADDC as an evolution and not changes.

When something evolves, it keeps the best of the old, and integrates the new. Sometimes the evolution happens slowly, but other times it happens in the blink of an eye. I know it seems as though the changes have been coming hot and heavy over the last few years, but look at the evolution in technology. In 1998 I got my first cell phone. It was huge, the size of regular phone receiver. Now cell phones can fit in the palm of your hand, though my newest phone is almost as long as my first one. Look at how computers have changed. Back in the early eighties, the company I worked for had a "Computer floor," not even a room, a floor. If I needed a report printed out, I could wait up to a week until it was printed out on green bar paper.

Everything changes, life, nature, and we must change.....I mean evolve, as well. If we are to survive as an organization, we must evolve to meet the needs of our members. With so many new organizations, we have to figure out what makes ADDC stand out. We need to decide what strengths we need to keep in our evolution, and what new aspects we need to add. My belief is that the one strength we can never change is our dedication to education. Education is what sets us apart. What needs to evolve is how we offer education to our members and our communities.

Is having a speaker at a meeting for 20 minutes, the best way to learn? Is it practical for smaller clubs? How can provide a better source of education? We do have a library of recordings, but have they evolved with times? This is what we need to focus on, not the unsettling feeling brought on by changes. I am dedicated to this organization, but I admit it, I fret over change. I hope we have made the right changes, I believe that we have. But there will be more changes, it is inevitable. The challenge will be to make the right changes at the right time.

Speaking of challenges, I challenged everyone to volunteer to do one thing for their club. Have you figured out what you can do to help your club? Remember it can be something small, greet people at a meeting. You can challenge yourself to do more. Does your region need help? Keep thing and keep volunteering. I'd love to hear back from you with your ideas.

In closing, it's a brand new year, brand new boards, and some brand new members. The possibilities are endless.

Maggi Franks
2016 President Elect



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January 2016

Hello Everyone and Happy New Year

It seems like we just began 2015 and here we are starting 2016. Time seems to be flying by at a much more rapid pace. I want to invite all of you to join me in congratulating the 2015 board for their outstanding leadership and commitment to ADDC. President Lori and her board made numerous accomplishments in 2015 and it was due to their leadership and forward thinking that these things were accomplished. You, the members were also instrumental in this success by "Stepping Up" and supporting your board. My hope is that this trend will continue in 2016 and beyond. I believe with the board you have elected and you, the membership, this will be the case. I believe that there is nothing we cannot accomplish if we all come together and work to make it happen. ADDC members are an awesome, strong, professional group of individuals with one common goal and that is educating ourselves, our employers and our communities.

There are already many items that will be discussed and implemented in the coming year and I am excited to be a part of this. At Budget and Planning the board will have a brainstorming session to kick off our meeting. I encourage all of you to send me or any board member your ideas, thoughts or concerns for us to put on the table for discussion. We want to hear from all of you as this your Association and we are your humble elected servants. Please let us hear from you.

With the recent downturn in our industry, we must find new and more innovative ways to attract new members and retain our current members. I believe the changes in membership requirements that were approved at the 2015 convention will help in this area as well. Check the ADDC website for the amended bylaws.

While our employers are being more diligent with their budgets, and in some cases have chosen not to support their employees in Desk and Derrick, we need to demonstrate that we are serious about our education and professional development, and that it is prudent and worthwhile to support their employees in Desk and Derrick.

I urge each of you to remember that there is always someone watching what we do, how we go about our day to day business and that we do so in a professional manner. If we want to be taken seriously as the Professional Association that we are, we must remember to conduct ourselves professionally at ALL times. You never know who is watching.

I am honored to be serving as your President this year and I thank you for your support and your hard work for this Association. I look forward to hearing from each of you and I am always available via email, text or phone.

Have a wonderful educational year in 2016.

Connie Harrison
2016 ADDC President



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January 7, 2016

TO: All Club Presidents
FROM: 2016 Rules Committee
SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments To Bylaws
and/or Standing Rules

In accordance with Article XXVI-Amendments, Section 1 (a) "...the proposed amendments are submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Rules Committee by an Association Officer, the Board of Directors, the Rules Committee, or a club prior to a deadline date set by the Board of Directors, such date not to be less than ninety (90) days prior to convention, and..."

A deadline date, postmarked, faxed, or emailed no later than Friday, February 12, 2016, has been set for submitting proposed amendments to the ADDC Bylaws and/or Standing Rules to the Rules Committee for presentation to the delegates at the 2016 ADDC Convention.

If your club wishes to propose a change, please be sure to include your phone, fax number, or email address in your correspondence. If you or your club wishes to discuss the proposals before they are submitted, please feel free to call or email me.

It is very important to state the Article number or Standing Rule number as it now reads, and then state the wording you are proposing.

Please send your proposed amendments to the ADDC Bylaws and/or Standing Rules to me at the above address or email address.

NOTE: Be sure to follow up after sending the proposed amendment(s) with either an email or phone call to be sure I have received them.

Keith Atkins
2016 Rules Committee Chair

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January, 2016

Happy New Year!!!!

Many exciting things are coming our way this year and you will be kept informed.

Because January is a month with a lot of flux, I would ask the following:

- Renewing members turn in your Renewal Forms with any/all corrections clearly marked. Soon you'll be able to make these changes yourself online, but for now they will need to be made by ADO.
- All Member Renewal Forms are to be turned in by the end of February. If there are any questions as to what needs to accompany these forms please contact ADO.
- I've been receiving the ADO 31 form for the New Club Officers. Thank you for being on top of this. If you have not sent these in, please get these to the ADO office as soon as possible.

I'm looking forward to this new year with excitement and enthusiasm!

Thank you.

André Martin

Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs
Distribution Office Manager

Editor's Letter

By Susan Cook

Dear Fellow Members,

I thought writing a final editorial would be hard to do. That's not because I count it among the emotional upheavals of my life because it's not. I even told our new Club President, Karen Gibbs, that I wouldn't have one in this—my 24th consecutive edition. I can now admit that my reluctance was more of a struggle to find a topic and to be positive about it with you.

Today I realized that you are all probably in the same position that I am—finishing a particular duty with Desk and Derrick and hopefully, learning a new one. That makes it much easier to admit to you that I'm willingly turning the reigns over to Kay Williams and her Bulletin Committee.

More importantly, though; I'm accepting (with the help of my good friend and co-worker, Brenda Bennett, the reigns from the 2015 Social Chairmen. I look forward to the year and the new challenges that await us.

I am also the General Arrangements Chairman for 2017 Region VI Meeting. And that truly does give me a new soapbox! Perhaps the new Editors will allow me some white space now and then.

I encourage each of you to start your 2016 Desk and Derrick year off with the excitement of a new duty for the club and one for the 2017 Region VI Meeting. And I thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn so much from you and to feel your appreciation as I do so.

- Susan

Note: All submissions to The Tulsa Oil Drop can and shall be edited as necessary. Viewpoints expressed by submitters are those of the writer and not necessarily of The Desk and Derrick Club of Tulsa or the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC). Email: susan@elsonoil.com with questions.