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## 2015 Region VI Meeting

The Red Earth Desk and Derrick (REDD) Club of Oklahoma will be hosting its first Regional Meeting in Norman, OK, April 23-26, 2015. While it is their first turn to host this particular event, they are not new to planning wonderful field trips, meetings and seminars. Since it will be the 60<sup>th</sup> annual event for our region, we are not new to enjoying them.

Speakers include: Mr. Rick Muncrief, CEO of WPX Energy, Mr. Mark Loch, 2015 ADDC Secretary and REDD Member, and Mrs Susan Cook, 2007 Region VI Director and Tulsa member.

Kickoff begins Thursday evening with a Dutch treat dinner for all attendees. Field Trips and Seminars will take place on Friday. Business Sessions will occur on Saturday.

The Embassy Suites in Norman will be our host hotel. Registration packets are still available. Contact President Vicki Barnes or Editor Susan Cook for more info.



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## The Tulsa Oil Drop

Speaker: Cheryl W. Wootton

Topic: Tap into the Power of Desk and Derrick

### March Luncheon Meeting

Wednesday March 11, 2015  
at 11:30 a.m.

#### The Summit Club

15 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
31st Floor of BOA Building  
Downtown Tulsa

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**Luncheon Includes:** Buffet,  
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**5:00 PM**

**Friday, March 6th**

with Laura Disinger,  
[reservations@tulsadandd.net](mailto:reservations@tulsadandd.net)  
or 918-845-8365

**\*Parking garage entrance off  
Boulder. Get ticket and have  
it validated at check-in.**

Cheryl W. Wootton has been a member of the Desk and Derrick Club of Tulsa since 1990. She is currently serving the Tulsa club as its Bylaws Committee Chairman. In the past, Cheryl has served the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC) as Treasurer, Region VI Director, ADDC Foundation Trustee, Desk and Derrick Educational Trust Chairman, and as a member of numerous committees. She has received the Association's Achievement in Maintaining Energy Excellence (A.I.M.E.E.) award and the ADDC Region VI Award of Merit.

Cheryl received a B.S. degree from Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Fraternity. She worked in the oil and gas exploration industry for nearly 30 years. In 2005 she retired from Weinkauff Petroleum, Inc.

Area students and other Desk and Derrick Clubs have benefited from the lively energy-related programs she gave as an Oklahoma Energy Resources Board Petro Pro. Tulsa Mayor William LaFortune appointed Cheryl to the Mayor's Energy Advisory Committee 2002-2005. In 2007, she was honored by The Energy Advocates as one of the "Outstanding Women in Energy" for her service to the energy industry.

No, Desk and Derrick won't pay your electric bill or fill your gas tank, but the experiences and training it offers can be much more beneficial. Desk and Derrick can not only be a powerful source of information and a pool of useful experiences leading to personal and professional development, but for anyone employed in the petroleum, energy or allied industries it provides very specific, tangible empowerment.

**\*Club Rules for Luncheon Meetings:**

Reservations must be made for Luncheon meetings. If you make a reservation and are subsequently unable to attend, you may send a substitute in your place. However, if you don't attend, you are still responsible for the luncheon fee. We must pay The Summit for the number of luncheons reserved, so must ask our members to reimburse us for the lunch if they made a reservation, whether it was used or not. You may attend the meeting for no fee if you wish to abstain from the buffet (no lunch=no charge) but you still need to notify the Contact Chair of your plans at [reservations@tulsadandd.net](mailto:reservations@tulsadandd.net)

Our Bylaws state:

"A member who fails to attend the meal meeting after making a meal reservation is obligated to reimburse the Club for such meal charge. If the meal charge is not paid within thirty (30) days, subsequent to the missed meeting, the member shall not be considered in good standing and all privileges of membership will be forfeited. Such forfeited membership may be reinstated by approval of the Board of Directors."

Thank you!



## Membership Meeting Minutes February 11, 2015 By Secretary, Brenda Bennett

President Vicki Barnes was absent due to family emergency. Vice President Mary Williams filled in upon her absence. Mary welcomed attendees to the February Membership Luncheon Meeting of the Desk and Derrick Club of Tulsa. Mary introduced our speaker and guests. Our guest speaker for February was Preston Doerflinger, Finance Secretary for the State of Oklahoma. Lisa Johnston with SM Energy was a guest in attendance.

Mary read a portion of the ADDC Purpose to explain our purpose to the new members and guests. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Vision Meeting being held February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Campbell Hotel and pointed out that there is a flyer on the tables with more information. Registration can be made at [reservations@tulsadandd.net](mailto:reservations@tulsadandd.net). Mary also reminded us of the 50/50 pot currently being done at this meeting.

The invocation was given by Dee Jansen.

An Energy Tidbit about an article on OPEC Secretary General saying that he feels oil prices have bottomed out and should see triple digit prices again in the future.

Vice President Mary invited our guests and club members to start the buffet line.

**AFTER LUNCH:** Madam Parliamentarian Val Bode advised that a quorum was present, and the business meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

**PRESIDENT REPORT:** Mary Williams, our Vice President, presented the President's Report due to President Vicki Barnes' family emergency.

- Mary reminded us of the deadline for submitting Membership Renewals which is February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Mary discussed that Vicki has sent out an email in regards to nominations for 2016 Region VI Directors. Nominations must be received by February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- We were reminded that Region VI Meeting for 2015 is in Norman this year. The field trip options look interesting, and our own Susan Cook will be our Saturday evening speaker.

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:** Mary Williams, our Vice President, presented the Vice President's Report.

- Mary reported that Condolence and Encouragement cards were mailed as needed.
- Ten Job Opportunities were sent out.
- Mary reported that the new members listing is being updated and will be available on the website.



Membership Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2015  
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**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Laura Louser, our interim Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report.

- Laura presented the Operating Account Budget. Several questions were asked by the members and Laura answered them. A motion was made and the budget was approved.
- Laura presented the Fund Raiser Account Budget. A motion was made and the budget was approved.

**PROGRAM:** Mary Williams introduced our speaker, Preston Doerflinger, Finance Secretary for the State of Oklahoma. He did a presentation on the State of Oklahoma Finances/Budget and the effects our industry has on it. Mary thanked him with a gift of a padfolio and a donation made in his honor to the ADDC Foundation.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Our Membership Chair, Jill Klein, acknowledged and pinned Kathy Staton, a Sr. Engineering Tech with Samson Resources, Sherry Johnson a Sr. Lease Records Analyst with WPX and Wendy Maxey a Client Accountant at Petrosource. Jill announced that to date we have received 56 membership renewals, 3 honorary memberships and 7 new memberships for a total of 66 2015 memberships. Jill did the drawing for the members that had turned in their membership renewals by the drawing deadline. Jennifer Bryant won but was not present to receive the gift. Jill will get the gift to her at another time.

Dorothy Lenhart presented a digital scrapbook to Kay Williams as a token of thanks for her service as 2014 President.

Laura Disinger drew a winner for our 50/50 pot. The winner was Brenda Bennett, she won \$53.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF TULSA  
VISION MEETING  
AT THE CAMPBELL HOTEL  
FEBRUARY 20, 2015





## How Oil Price and Production Affects the State's Budget by Sherry A. Johnson

Our speaker for February's luncheon was Oklahoma's Finance Secretary, Preston Doerflinger, who is the State's top budget official. Mr. Doerflinger is also known as Governor Fallin's Chief Problem Solver.

His main topic, of course; is the drop in oil prices and production. Mr. Doerflinger stated that oil is quite unpredictable and that history shows even the smartest investors can get it wrong. For example, Mr. Doerflinger mentioned that Boone Pickens once stated in 2005 that global oil production would peak at 84 billion barrels a day and that we couldn't produce more. However, in 2013; we produced 90 billion barrels a day.

Mr. Doerflinger added that from 2009 to 2014 the US has increased its energy independence. With advanced technology due to horizontal drilling, the US has been reaching record oil production thus becoming more independent. For example: In August 2008, the Middle East exported 186 million barrels to the US but by September, 2014; the Middle East only exported 87 million barrels. Mr. Doerflinger stated that "OPEC is in fear of losing their hold over us." He believes that refusal by OPEC to cut production is in response to this fear and one OPEC official was even quoted as saying: "We want to see those Shell boys sweat!"

In addition, Mr. Doerflinger stressed that the current status of falling prices and reduced production has proven to be a great challenge for the State of Oklahoma. He stated that "oil price and production affect our state's budget quite heavily and now, instead of revising the budget on a monthly basis; we are doing this daily." The State assesses two prices, GPO (gross production oil) and GPG (gross production gas) as tax at a total combined rate of 12%. Almost 85% of this total tax goes directly into the State's General Revenue Fund. Mr. Doerflinger added that as long as production stays steady and only prices drop, then the State can adjust. However, if both price **and** production slow or cease, then all tax revenues will be affected.

Our State offices are doing what they can to reduce costs such as traveling, hiring and training freezes. Oklahoma strives to increase efficiency of governing by reducing their overall expenses. One good thing that Mr. Doerflinger closed with "is that the State's Rainy Day Fund, which only had \$2.02 when Governor Fallin took office, now has over \$535 million, which will help the State get by this year. On that account, hopefully; price and production will improve in time for next year's budget.



## Vice President's Report

Date of Report: 02-25-2015

Chairman: Mary L. Williams

Our prayers and acknowledgments were given on behalf of the President, Vicki Barnes, in her absence. Vice President, Mary L. Williams, filled in with the help of Val Bode and Kay Williams.

All notes were read as Vicki Barnes forwarded them to me. The monthly tidbit and invocation volunteer sheet was circulated and the Vision Flyers were placed on each table. The Treasurer's Report was given by Laura with questions from the floor, as the Treasurer's Report was approved by vote. Laura Disinger also conducted the drawing for the 50/50 pot. Jill Klein pinned new members, and Val gave a great tidbit encouraging members of the industry's future and Dee Jansen gave a great invocation and acknowledged past presidents' birthdays in the month of February. Kay and Val assisted and I used the microphone as the gavel 😊. Kris R. brought and extra gift for the speaker, and the speaker was awarded and acknowledged with the padfolio.

I gave the Vice-President's report on the 10 job notices that were sent for February along with condolences and encouragement cards to members.

The annual Vision Meeting was held on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Campbell hotel. Members present received a Desk and Derrick Visionary Participation Award. Plans for the future discussed were based on a 1 year, 2, year, 5 year and 10 year plan. This included shorter business in meetings, scholarships for current industry students to attend at least 4 monthly meetings and possible membership; also building our strength to obtain more members with our current programs and a possible Tulsa D&D office for our own business meetings and objectives.

A tour of the hotel was provided by Carla, the hotel manager, and dinner was served in the earlier part of the meeting. Desserts were provided by Desk and Derrick.

Recommendations and/or Motions: (attach official motion form)

**Mary L. Williams, VP**

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Signature



## President's Letter

# Thank you so very much.

Dear Club Members,

Your compassion extended to me with the passing of my mother leaves me feeling very grateful to be part of this club. We all know that others sharing in our loss, helps make these difficult times a little easier. I have received cards and kind words from many of you and from other clubs all over the United States. I feel bless to be involved with an organization that is professional to the core and compassionate at heart.

*Vicki Barnes*



## Region VI Director's Newsletter



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**Region VI Members,**

March is now in full swing and you know what that means, "SPRING". Spring is an exciting time of the year for all Regions as they complete the final preparations for their Region Meetings. REDD has been working very hard to make this a Region Meeting you will not soon forget. If you have not reserved your room, please do so. Registration packets have been distributed so all you need to do is decide which exciting and educational field trip you would like to attend.

Every President should have a copy of the nomination form for Region Director. Please share this information with your club. We are very fortunate that an individual has decided to take the next step.

Region VI had their first monthly conference call. Items that we discussed included fundraisers, membership in the clubs this year. Most are reporting that they had very few that did not renew. Of course there are exceptions. Two clubs did have a lot that did not renew. We believe it is because of the lack of support from their companies. We also discussed guidelines of the Region Board for the incoming board. I will be reaching out to the last year's board members and ask them to work with this year's board to see if we can't come up with those guidelines.

I would also like all you to ask about the Certification Program. Latish Campos with the Butler County Club is the Chairman for the Certification program. Consider having a monthly program that discusses this along with the other committees. This could increase in those that would participate. Many do not as they are not sure what all is involved.

**Around the Region:**

Liberal is discussing the Magic Suitcase Program and Jackie Molter's picture was in the newspaper for her 35 year membership. They include information about ADDC.

Kelly Rains President of the Wichita club has advised all her members that she would send a letter or give a personal visit to companies that are pulling support. She would like to present them the benefits of belonging to ADDC.

Bartlesville is still going strong. The members decided they would not go down without a fight. Ruby Redington is leading them in an effort to "get the word out"

Sounds like exciting things are in store for Region VI

Until Next Time,

*Anna Lewis-McBeth*



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March 1, 2015

To: All Club Presidents

From: 2015 ADDC Nominating Committee

Re: Nominations for 2016 ADDC Officers

The 2016 Officers of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs will be elected at the 2015 ADDC Convention to be held in Lubbock, Texas. The ADDC Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for the following 2016 ADDC Officers:

- President-Elect*
- Vice President*
- Secretary*
- Treasurer*

The deadline for all nominations to be received by the Nominating Committee Chairman is June 5, 2015. Any nominations received after that date will not be considered.

Requirements and procedures for submitting nominations and the duties of the Officers are described in the Association Bylaws and can be found on the ADDC website in the Manuals section. All candidates for nomination to ADDC offices shall:

1. Have served or be serving as Regional Director
2. Be employed in the petroleum, energy or allied industries
3. Be bondable.

A candidate for the office of President-Elect must possess all of the above qualifications and shall have served, or be serving, as an officer on the ADDC Board.

A candidate for the office of Vice President must possess all of the above qualifications and be able to assist the President and President-Elect with the duties of those offices as may be required.

A candidate for the office of Secretary shall possess the skills to accurately record and prepare the minutes of the board meetings and convention business sessions within the deadlines for reporting to the membership.

A candidate for the office of Treasurer shall have an accounting background and computer experience.

The ADDC Officer Nomination Forms are available in the Forms section of the Members Only pages of the ADDC website (addc.org).

Send all nominations by the June 5, 2015 deadline, including NOMN1, NOMN2, and NOMN2A forms, along with photo of candidates to Judi Adams, Nominating Committee Chairman, via mail at the address above or via e-mail at dandd.judi@gmail.com.



## ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS 2015 BUDGET AND PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS January 16 - 17, 2015

- Met with Strategic Planner, Chris Edmonds from the Ken Blanchard Group, and established the strategic development plan for 2015 for the ADDC.
- Approved the use of Michael Gray, CPA, to conduct the annual review for the Association.
- Approved the design and disbursement of years of service recognition pins to qualifying ADDC members.
- Approval was given for February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. as the deadline for the submittal of all proposed amendments to the ADDC Rules Committee.
- Approval was given for The Publications Committee to donate all Spanish speaking EABs to anyone interested.
- Approval was given for setting the 2015 convention registration fee at \$200.00.
- Approval was given for late registration fee for 2015 convention to be set at \$250.00 and any registration within one week of the start of convention set at \$300.00
- Approval was given for *The Desk and Derrick Journal* to publish 2 issues in 2015.
- Approval was given to use the Stevens and Stevens Marketing Firm's marketing suggestions for 2015.
- The 2015 ADDC Budget was approved.



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Dear Members

The Association has approximately 6400 Spanish Energy Activity Books (EAB) in inventory and the 2015 ADDC Board of Directors has approved the donation of the Activity Books to schools that have Spanish in their curriculum.

If your club would like to donate some of the Spanish EABs to schools in your area, please contact Andre Martin as soon as possible. Please let him know who to ship to, shipping address and quantity of books requested. ADDC will pay the cost of shipping.

Please note the EABs are on a first come basis and please be mindful when ordering quantities so that all clubs can benefit from this generous offer.

*Marilyn*



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**2015 U.S. Club Presidents and Regional Fund Treasurers**

Date: February 16, 2015

RE: ADDC Form TAXE1; TAXE2, IRS Form 990 and 990N

All U.S. Clubs must file ADDC Form TAXE1 and a copy of the IRS Form 990/990-EZ or 990N with the Tax Exempt Committee Chairman (TECC) on or before MAY 15, 2015.

- If your club is covered under the ADDC Group Exemption and had 2014 gross income under \$50,000, send the ADDC Form TAXE1 to me on or before May 15, 2015. Form 990N, an electronic postcard, must also be filed with the IRS by May 15 and a copy of the IRS acceptance email must be sent to me also. The form is available on the IRS website ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)). This form must be submitted over the internet and cannot be mailed to the IRS. Please check the appropriate box on the TAXE1 form so I know you've filed the postcard and then forward the IRS approval to me once you receive it.
- If your club is covered under the ADDC Group Exemption and had 2014 gross income of \$50,000 or over, file IRS Form 990 or IRS Form 990-EZ with the IRS and forward a copy together with ADDC Form TAXE1 to me on or before May 15, 2015.
- If you do not get a confirmation email from me within three days, please follow-up on it. I will acknowledge all submissions.
- At this time, all US clubs are covered under the group exemption.

ADDC TAXE1 (form) and TAXE2 (instructions) are included with this mailing and on the ADDC website under Members Only, ADDC Forms. Please review the form and read the instructions.

Additionally, carefully verify if the Club address provided is permanent, and check the appropriate space. This address information will be provided to the ADO office to update their records. If you cannot locate, or have a question about your Club's (or Region Fund's) Tax ID number, please contact me.

The committee asks that should a Club receive any notice or request from the IRS (other than the need to file a 990N), immediately notify your Region Director and the Tax Exempt Chairman. As each Club is part of the ADDC Group Exemption, any IRS inquiry may affect all Clubs.

Thank you,

Keith Atkins  
2015 Tax Exempt U.S. Committee Chair



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Website:  
[www.addcfoundation.org](http://www.addcfoundation.org)

Dear ADDC Members:

The Trustees for the ADDC Foundation send New Year's Greetings to all of you!

We hope you had a peaceful and safe holiday season and wish you a fabulous 2015!

The Foundation trustees have already approved the following projects for our members and other entities during this year:

- NAPE – Houston (winter & summer), Denver and Pittsburg Regional Grants for Region III
- Alabama Center for Sustainable Energy – Solar Mobile Project Symposium at the 2015 Convention

We look forward to supporting future projects and/or activities presented by you - the ADDC Members. We also support educational projects created by other organizations and/or other individuals. Should you know of such a project in need of assistance, please have that person and/or organization complete a grant form. The forms can be found on our website:

[www.addcfoundation.org](http://www.addcfoundation.org).

Of course, we can only continue to supply funding for projects, regional grants and symposiums through your contributions. We wish to thank the following contributors:

- Tulsa Club – donation
- Farmington Club – donation
- Brehm Investment Group – donation (Stacy Tate)
- Shell Oil Foundation – matching gift (Judi Adams)
- Red River Club – honor of monthly speakers
- Abilene Club – honor of monthly speakers
- Bartlesville Club – honor of monthly speakers
- Lafayette Club – honor of speaker Judi Adams
- Debi Baiamonte – donation
- NHMC – honor of speakers

And as always, we appreciate your continued support.

*Theresa*



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**Renewals and New Member Applications, Oh my!!!**

Thank you for your adherence to the February deadline of receiving your Club's Membership Renewal/New Member Application forms at ADO. We are in hopes of getting the membership directories updated on the website within the next couple of weeks. Once this is posted I would like to encourage every member to look at their individual record listing and make sure all the information is correct and accurate. *(Remember, if you have a change with your company, name, address, etc., we have a "Change of Address" Form - ADO 30 on the ADDC Members side of the website (under the Forms section), for all pertinent information. This form should be emailed to ADO anytime there is an update.)*

With this said, there still seems to be a bit of confusion around the New Member Application/Renewal process. Hopefully the list below will add clarity:

**Mail to ADO:**

- Transmittal Form - Listing each member in packet
- Copy of actual Renewal/New Member Form - the official form is found on the ADDC website - ADDC 12
- Check in the amount of \$45.00 for each member represented on Transmittal

This makes up the "packet" that each Club sends to ADO when members join or renew their Club membership.

**Regional Dues** go directly to your Regional Treasurer. They do not come to ADO. Please check with your President or RD as to where to send your Regional Dues.

Also, remember, the ADO has moved. We are still receiving items to the old address, (...and it's amazing that the USPS forward is still active!!!). Please change your records to reflect the current address listed above.

Thank you for your help in making sure all information is active and current.

Have a great month!

**André**  
ADO Manager

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Membership Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Board Meeting	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

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Happy Birthday to: Karen Gibbs and Kathy Staton 3/11/15,  
Amy Claybourn 3/12 and Laura Louser 3/13  
Rhonda Vardeman 3/19 and Val Bode 3/24



## Editor's Letter

By Susan Cook

This particular editorial is hard to write because I'm embarrassed to admit my role in it. I share it with you—my closest 70 or so friends--so that you might help me to know what to do the next time a situation like this arises.

I was recently at a social event, having nothing whatsoever to do with the industry when I overheard an acquaintance say something about “those poor oil people” as the discussion turned to layoffs and the local economy's downhill slide. I didn't say anything, thus my embarrassment. We were leaving the event, on our way out the door in fact. This person isn't yet a friend—just an acquaintance. What should I have said?

I know many things I could have said. I could have pointed out that she was about to drive home in a vehicle engineered to work based on a refined product that was brought out of the ground by “those poor oil people”. I could have said that “those poor oil people” have created many of the items she uses in her daily job as a Surgical Tech and teacher. I could have said that some of the clothes on her back wouldn't have been manufactured with “those poor oil people” or that her grandchildren wouldn't enjoy the comforts of home and school that they currently do without “those poor oil people”, whose livelihood supports our local school systems. You see where I'm going, right? I could have said a lot. But would it have mattered?

What should I have said?

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