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Summer is officially upon us. I will apologize in advance to all my D&D family who will take offense to this statement but, "Welcome warm weather!" I enjoy so many outdoor, warm-weather activities...swimming, boating, motorcycle riding, camping. Also, warm weather months mean, longer daylight hours in the evening, allowing me to enjoy time outdoors after work.

With states opening back up for business, please continue to use caution when in the presence of others, to protect yourself from COVID-19. The Board still urges clubs to NOT have physical meetings while your areas still have active cases and increased risks of infection. As a reminder, meeting requirements will NOT be enforced in 2020.

The other two regions have officially conducted region business. The Northeast Region has elected Cindy Krebs from the Three Rivers Club and the Central Region has elected Kay McKinley from the Liberal Club as their 2021 Region Directors. Congratulations to Cindy and Kay! Thank you for stepping up to share your knowledge and help lead your regions next year!

Our 2020 ADDC Parliamentarian and past Parliamentarian Sheryl Minear are working to finalize plans for the necessary official ADDC business that will need to be done by alternate means since we will not have our 2020 Convention. In the coming weeks, the details will be provided to membership.

One of the important items of business is the election of officers. In May, the Nominating Committee's request for nominations for 2021 ADDC Officers was sent to club presidents. June 22 is the deadline for submission of nominations. If you are thinking of running for office, make sure to get your paperwork completed and sent to your club president to sign and forward to Nominating Committee Chair, Maggi Franks before the deadline.

Though still short of our budgeted 1,025 members, I am pleased to announce since last month, our membership number has climbed to 932. That puts us much closer to our goal than we were. With a little work, we should be able to close that gap some more before the end of the year. I know that isn't going to be easy, since we aren't having membership meetings right now. Just don't give up on trying to recruit as soon as we are able.

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There is no doubt the negative impact of COVID-19 on our industries and our members is not fully realized yet. Since my last letter, Murphy Oil Corporation, the former parent company of my employer Murphy USA Inc., announced plans to relocate its El Dorado, Arkansas corporate headquarters to its production and exploration division's offices in Houston, Texas. This move was a last resort to cut expenses, after already cutting executive and management salaries, as well as making huge cuts to the company's 2020 capital spending budget. Murphy Oil Corporation, founded and based in El Dorado for 70 years, is one of the latest victims of the current state of our nation. Two of my club's members, including my club president, were employed by Murphy Oil and will have to take severance packages and find new employment since their jobs were not being moved to Houston. Fortunately, my company, Murphy USA Inc., no longer connected in any way to Murphy Oil, has not been as negatively impacted by the recent historically low oil prices, and is not affected by Murphy Oil's move. We just pray that somehow our two displaced club members find employment in our industries. And let's all continue to pray for our friends and family who have been impacted by these unprecedented events.

Last, I want to apologize that we have not published the ADDC 1st Quarter Financial Reports to membership. With the move of our accounting from Wolfepak to Quickbooks, there has been a lot of work done to simplify our Chart of Accounts and make our financial reports easier to understand, and ultimately make our accounting reviews and tax filings more streamlined. We tried different setups to come up with the best configuration to properly budget and track spending for the Association's General Fund, Convention Fund, and to be able to track income and expenses separately for each year's ADDC Convention within the Convention Fund. The first draft of the Q1 Financials was sent to the Finance Review Committee, and some adjustments were required to align the 2019 ending balances from WolfePak to the 2020 opening balances in Quickbooks. The second draft of the reports has been sent to the Finance Review Committee, and we should be sending the approved Q1 Financials to membership very soon. With the conversion now complete, the quarterly reporting should be sent to membership within a reasonable timeframe after the end of the quarters going forward.

Until next month, please continue to take care of yourselves.

"Well done is better than well said." Benjamin Franklin

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith".