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Happy New Year to each of you, my wonderful Desk and Derrick Family!

Welcome to 2021 where we, as members of ADDC, are “***Celebrating 70 Years of Greater Knowledge – Greater Service***”. In July 1951, the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs of North America was formed by signing the Articles of Association. The first four (4) Desk and Derrick Clubs signing the Articles were: New Orleans, Louisiana; Jackson, Mississippi; Los Angeles, California and Houston, Texas. The dream of our Founder, Inez Awty Schaeffer, became a reality. In 1977 the Association name was changed to “Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs”. Our Association is very rich in history and I am honored to be serving as the 2021 ADDC President.

***Thank you*** to the 2020 Board of Directors, and especially Keith Atkins, 2020 President, for ensuring that we continued on our path forward. It wasn’t an easy task but with his leadership we made it through.

I am sure that you are as anxious to “***kick 2020***” out the back door as I am. Last year was a year that turned everything up-side-down. Not having the ability to get together at club meetings, Regional Meetings and then we had to cancel the Annual Convention in Pittsburgh! Hopefully, in 2021 we will get back to some normalcy in our lives. So now, let’s look forward to a wonderful 2021.

As you know, since we didn’t have Convention, our elections were held by a mail ballot – a first for ADDC. We, as your 2021 Board, thank each of you for your vote of confidence. We are anxious and excited to begin this year.

All of us probably know at least one person that was affected by the Covid19 Virus or possibly someone who has passed away from this virus. It goes without saying that we all hope that 2021 brings a much brighter outlook.

Some members lost their jobs in the industry because of shut-downs, a reduction of employees, price of oil and the list goes on. If you are one of those individuals or you have a family member that lost their position, we hope that you are able to return to work soon.

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At the end of 2020 the ADDC membership total was 958. In 2021 we will strive to increase or maintain our membership. Membership renewal forms have been sent out to each of the club presidents. I do hope that you will send in your renewal and remain a very important part of our Association.

We will continue to look for ways to increase our membership however it will take all of us working together. Do you have any ideas of how we can attract new members, maintain or increase industry support? What about ideas that your club uses for monthly meetings? Please share your ideas and thoughts with your Regional Director, any of the ADDC Board Members or contact me direct.

The 2021 ADDC Board will hold the annual Budget and Planning Meeting on Saturday, January 16th and it will be held virtually by a Zoom Meeting. By not having an “in person” meeting, we will save the Association a considerable amount of money. This annual meeting is a time when your board establishes the budget for 2021. We will review the ADDC Committee plans; set goals for the year 2021 and work on ways that we can strengthen this Association.

Looking forward to 2021, each of the Regional Meetings will be held on different weeks. Thank you to each of the Regional Directors for making this happen. If you have the opportunity to go to a Regional Meeting that is not your own, I encourage you to do it. You certainly won’t regret it.

I look forward to being able to spend time with each of you during 2021. As we continue to celebrate 70 years as the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs – our ADDC.

To each of you, remember that the ADDC Board is here to serve YOU, the member. This is a year that we all have to play a part in rebuilding our Association. Be active in our own clubs and our Regions.

Hugs to each of you,

Evelyn

“Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”
― **George Bernard Shaw**