



Deck and Derrick Club of Graham, Texas

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Happy Valentines wishes to you all

With the distribution of the COVID 19 vaccination being in full swing we are all hoping to see a downward decline in the stressful cases that have impacted our personal and business lives.

February Challenge: Pay it Forward. Whether it be something small or what you would consider as insignificant, do something nice for someone without the preconceived notion that you will receive something material in return. If you get a smile or a wave from the person receiving your kindness then that should be recognition of your generosity.

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! February is considered the month of love so let's make it a point this month to show love and kindness. The cost is nothing; pay forward an act of kindness that has been shown to you. Brighten someone's day. Make a difference!

I am encouraged with the way our club has started out this year. We had good attendance at last month's meeting; and, I hope for even better this month. I am also encouraged by our membership renewals, and even the possibility of some new members.

The deadline for submitting proposed amendments to the ADDC Bylaws is February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please bring any ideas you have on this to the meeting this month.

Also, Central Region is still very lacking in filling positions as region representatives on ADDC committees. Please consider stepping up and volunteering. You will not be sorry you did. The committees that still need representatives are:

- Membership
- Public Relations
- Rules
- Tax Exempt - US
- Contest
- Leadership
- Marketing
- Registrar
- Technology

Please mark your calendars for the Region Meeting this year. It will be held in Liberal, Kansas, April 8-10. There are many benefits from attending a region meeting - networking, education, making new friends and rekindling old friendships are just a few. Please join us in Liberal - you won't be sorry you did.

Our regular business meeting this month is Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Dinner Bell. I look forward to seeing you there.

REMEMBER – We are not held back by what we don't have, but by what we don't use. USE WHAT YOU HAVE!

Sincerely,

*Terry Ligon*

2021 Graham Desk and Derrick President

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Happy Valentine's Day to each of you,

It is so hard to believe that February is here already! I always associate February with Valentine's Day and as they say "love is in the air". May your Valentine's Day be filled with love.

The ADDC Board held the Annual Budget & Planning Meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> by a Zoom Meeting. We began the meeting at 9 a.m. and we finished in the early afternoon. I want to thank each of the Board Members for their input and ideas for this year. As well as each of the ADDC Committee Chairman for submitting their Reports. A Highlight of the B&P Meeting will be sent out to members in the very near future. The Board worked diligently on the Budget for 2021 and we will work very hard to ensure that we end the year by being in the "black" for 2021. The goal is to make sure that our budget covers all of our expenses and remains in a positive number for the year. We received a big help toward achieving our goal since Charity Rising, who manages our ADO, reduced their monthly fee by half! Thank you Jolie and your team for helping us, and for everything that you do for us.

Speaking of ADO, have you gone to the website - [www.addc.org](http://www.addc.org)? If you haven't, please take a minute and log in, look around and let us know what you think. Please note: you cannot use your old password to log in. You will need to reset your password. When you go to the website, you can review all of your information. Please make sure that it is correct - if not, you can edit your profile. If you have any problems, you can contact ADO by email and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

Membership Renewals - it is important that each club sends in their membership renewals to ADO, as soon as possible. With Covid looming over everyone, some members have unfortunately lost their jobs and may not be renewing, because they may not be in the industry any longer. But remember that you do not have to be in the oil and gas, and allied industries to be a Member of ADDC. The membership is open to anyone that is interested in learning about our wonderful industry, so we need to encourage members to renew.

This year is a challenge for all of us. I know that members from each of the Regions were looking forward to having their Annual Regional Meeting, but due to many of the restrictions that are still in place because of the Covid-19 Virus, this may not be possible. I have been notified that the West Region Meeting has been changed to a Zoom Meeting, to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021. They will not have an in person meeting due to the restrictions because of the Covid-19 Virus. I never imagined that we would still be in the same position as this time last year!

February – President’s Letter (continued)

The Rules Chairman, Judi Adams sent a letter, along with the necessary forms for any Proposed Amendment to the ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules. If your club is planning on submitting any changes, the forms must be received by the Rules Committee by February 19, 2021. If you have any questions you may contact Judi Adams or me.

Club Presidents – please make sure that your Club Bylaws are in order and have been reviewed. There are several clubs that were due to have their Club Bylaws reviewed in 2020, but have not submitted them as of this date. If a Club is delinquent in submitting their Bylaws to be reviewed, that club will lose eligibility to have a delegate at their Region Meeting and/or Convention. If you are not sure if your club is in compliance, please either contact Judi Adams or refer to the letter and spreadsheet that was sent out to all club presidents recently.

Just a note to let you know that there are still several ADDC Committees that need a Chairman for this year – Public Relations and Marketing. Or considering serving as a Regional Representative for an ADDC Committee. This is a great way to not only become involved, but an opportunity to learn more about the various committees. If you are interested in serving as Regional Representative for a particular committee, please send me an email and we can go over what committees need your help. Or don’t hesitate to call me on my cell – your help is needed!!

If you have any questions on anything in this letter, please reach out to me or any member of the ADDC Board. This Association is yours and mine and we are all in this together. Moving forward with every action to accomplish everything that we can by working side by side.

Hugs to each of you,  
Evelyn

“Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.”  
– Lao Tzu



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Greetings!

One month of 2021 is in the books, and what a month it has been! A new President of the United States has taken office and with that, there have been sweeping changes made in just a week with 36 Executive Orders and I'm sure there are more to come. One that affects our industry is the shutdown of the Key Stone pipeline which is estimated to eliminate 11 million jobs! I am not wanting to start a political debate, (we have all had enough of that!) but I am concerned with the policies that will hamper the oil and gas industry with the "Green New Deal". I am not sure what things will look like in America in the next few years if we penalize the industry that has been the bedrock of our economic system.

I am convinced many American people have NO IDEA what our lives would be like without oil and natural gas. If ever there was a time of **opportunity** and **importance** for ADDC, it is now! We can sit back and complain and wring our hands, or we can do something about it. After all, we are an educational organization - "Greater Knowledge, Greater Services". I have seen an increase in posts on Facebook with charts showing products that come from oil and gas. Within ADDC, we have a wonderful tool of "The Magic Suitcase" that can be used to teach the children (where I believe we would have the most impact). I can't wait for the COVID restrictions are lifted and we can get back into the classrooms. Make an educational difference where you can, with what you have and to who you can. Invite a friend to your next club meeting. Our membership has been impacted by the downturn in the industry, but my experience is that it is in the valleys of life is where we grow. Hang tough! Okay, I'll step down from my soap box.

On Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, your ADDC board met virtually for the 2021 Budget and Planning Meeting. Minutes were reviewed, board and convention reports were given, and finally, and most importantly, Evelyn Green led us through the 2021 Budget Consideration. This is my first opportunity in 30 years in the organization to get "a peek" into the decisions the Board makes in the best interest of the members. As a first-timer, I can tell you I have a renewed appreciation of the dedication and devotion of our organization's leaders. So many things are being implemented to keep organization costs to a minimum. As members, we need to do our part by keeping and adding to our memberships.

On the Region level, I am still needing volunteers for the following committees; Public Relations, Rules, Tax Exempt US, Contest, Leadership, Marketing, Nominating, Registrar and Technology. I will be working this next week to get all of these positions filled - so please don't ignore my call! Ha!

Club Presidents - be sure to get your club's bylaws and the rules reviewed and sent in! Dues should be collected and submitted in your February meetings. Send Central Region dues are \$3 and should be sent to our Treasurer, Michelle Burgard. Be making plans to come to Liberal, Kansas for our Region Meeting April 8-10. The Liberal Club continues to work out details for a memorable weekend in the Land of Oz.

Finally, do what you can to take care of yourself and those around you. That's always a winning strategy in these uncertain days.

Kay McKinley  
2021 ADDC Central Region Director

## ***EIA Forecasts Rising Oil Prices in 2021***

Demand for petroleum products declined this year in reaction to reduced economic activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the future looks much better, according to a report from the Energy Information Administration (EIA) at the U.S. Department of Energy.

EIA predicts the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP), which began rising in the third quarter of this year, will grow by 3.1 percent annually in 2021 offsetting a 4.4 percent decline in the first half of 2020.

As economic activity rises, so will consumption.

EIA forecasts that global consumption of petroleum and liquid fuels will increase 5.6 million barrels per day (b/d) in 2021 from an average of 92.4 million b/d for all of 2020, which is down by 8.8 million b/d from 2019.

On the supply side, EIA forecasts OPEC crude oil production will average 27.5 million barrels b/d in 2021, up from an estimated 25.6 million b/d in 2020.

The increase reflects OPEC's announced potential increases to production targets and production increases in Libya. At the December 3 meeting, OPEC and OPEC+ participants decided to limit oil production increases planned for January 2021. OPEC+ announced it will increase its production target by 0.5 million b/d in January 2021. The group had initially planned to increase its target by 2.0 million b/d. The group will also assess the state of global oil markets and petroleum demand monthly, adjusting targets based on market conditions.

EIA now forecasts OPEC crude oil production will average 25.7 million b/d in the first quarter of 2021, which is 1.7 million b/d lower than forecast in November and reflects the announced changes to OPEC+ targets and more effective assumed compliance with targets.

EIA expects crude oil production in the U.S. Lower 48 states will increase from 8.7 million b/d in February 2021 to 9.1 million b/d in December 2021, as drilling increases in response to rising oil prices. This increase contributes to total U.S. crude oil production reaching 11.4 million b/d in December 2021. On an annual average basis, EIA expects U.S. crude oil production to fall from 12.2 million b/d in 2019 to 11.3 million b/d in 2020 and 11.1 million b/d in 2021.

Crude oil prices responded to increases in demand and lower supplies by rising to the \$40-\$45 range on the New York Mercantile Exchange in early December and \$45-\$48 range on the international Brent crude oil exchange.

EIA expects that Brent prices will average \$49 in 2021, up from an expected average of \$43 in the fourth quarter of 2020.

Crude oil prices in the U.S. began the year at \$60 but fell sharply in April reaching a historic low of -\$37 per barrel in response to the pandemic creating a lockdown of economic activity and a record oversupply of crude oil in storage.

Today, economists are optimistic about the return of economic activity worldwide as the medical community begins the distribution of vaccines for COVID-19.

*Alex Mills is the former President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers*

## Oil prices show strength

By Alex Mills

Crude oil prices took an unexpected leap last week on the announcement by Saudi Arabia that it was going to reduce oil production by an additional 1 million barrels per day (b/d) during February and March. Oil prices for West Texas Intermediate surpassed the \$50 per barrel threshold for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic began last year. Oil opened at \$50.74 on NYMEX, and \$54.38 on the international Brent market on Thursday.

The Energy Information Administration reported Thursday a decline of 8 million barrels of crude oil inventories to 485 million barrels, indicating a further decline in the oversupply of oil in the U.S. Inventories peaked on June 19 at 540 million barrels, but it has been dropping slowly since then.

Refinery runs were down 15% in 2020 because of weaker demand due to the decline in economic activity.

The news of a possible reduction in oil supplies gave new life to investors as stock prices for oil companies rose. Texas Energy Report stated Thursday stocks of all 20 companies it tracks daily increased, except one.

Investors were surprised earlier in the week when Saudi Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman announced Saudi Arabia would cut its oil production by 1 million barrels per day (b/d). Earlier in the week, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), and some of its non-members who have agreed to production cuts previously, said it would continue its agreement to cut production 9.7 million b/d, except for Russia and Kazakhstan who were permitted to add a combined 75,000 b/d.

“It was a calculated move from an oil superpower that had previously warned speculators to watch their backs,” according to a report from Bloomberg, which quoted Prince Abdulaziz as saying Saudi Arabia has the “responsibility of looking after the market.”

The agreement momentarily solidifies a fragile relationship between Saudi Arabia and Russia, the two largest producing countries outside the U.S. Saudi leaders believe in reducing sales volume in

exchange for better oil prices. However, Russia wants to produce more to maintain market share and prevent the higher cost production in the U.S. off the market.

Obviously, demand for crude oil has declined since the pandemic hit a year ago. Oil prices dropped from \$60 in January to \$15 in April, which witnessed prices falling into negative territory of - \$37 on April 20 on NYMEX. Prices recovered slowly as the oversupply dwindled because of production cuts and demand slowly returning.

In other news, EIA reported no oil imports from Saudi Arabia into the U.S. last week for the first time since September 1985. Bloomberg said the absence of deliveries follows a slump in crude shipments to the U.S. that left Saudi Arabia in October, and it takes about six weeks for oil tankers to reach U.S. ports from the Middle East.

Oil imports have declined steadily from Saudi Arabia and other countries in the Middle East over the years. Imports from Saudi Arabia peaked in December 2000 at 58 million barrels, according to EIA data.

Canada is the largest oil exporter to the U.S. at 122 million barrels in October, which is about half of all U.S. imports of 228 million barrels, according to EIA.

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## [President Biden issues executive orders first day in office](#)

By Alex Mills

There is a new game in town with new players, new regulators, and even a new set of rules.

Joe Biden became the 46<sup>th</sup> President of the United States this week and immediately issued more than a dozen executive orders. Executive orders are one tool President Biden will have at his disposal to implement his policies or reverse actions of a previous President.

In one of his executive orders, Biden directed federal agencies to review and possibly revise more than 100 changes to regulations implemented by the Trump administration.

Obviously, the regulatory process will be important. Biden has appointed a seasoned team who will quickly begin proposing and implementing changes impacting the operation and business practices of the oil and gas industry. Federal regulatory agencies – such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Interior Department and Department of Energy – have direct impact over energy operations. Other agencies – Treasury, Securities and Exchange Commission and Justice – have authority to implement, change and/or reinterpret current and future laws and regulations. These agencies will play a key role in carrying out the policies of the Biden administration.

Another executive order issued this week will cancel the permit for the Keystone XL crude oil pipeline, which has been under construction for 12 years at a cost of \$9 billion. It has been delayed several times by environmental groups. Once completed, it would have stretched some 1,200 miles from Alberta, Canada to Nebraska transporting an estimated 830,000 barrels per day of oil sands.

Canada, the largest exporter of oil to the U.S., wanted the pipeline completed so it could transport an oversupply of underpriced heavy crude oil to markets in the U.S. to be refined and distributed to consumers.

The pipeline has been controversial from the very beginning.

Environmental groups said the Canadian crude oil would add to air emissions, and it should be prohibited.

Another executive order renews participation of the [U.S.](#) in the Paris Climate Accord.

President Biden will take advantage of the change in the Senate - 50 Republicans and 50 Democrats (actually there are 48 Democrats but two senators are technically "independents" but organize with the Democrats) - and a Democrat majority in the House to push for quick action, especially within his first 100-days in office, on a variety of energy and climate change issues.

Biden served as Vice President under President Obama when Democrats almost succeeded in passing a cap-and-trade bill that would have implemented new restrictions on fossil fuels. While a cap-and-trade scheme has lost its pizzazz among lawmakers in Washington, a carbon tax has gained popularity even among some business groups, including large integrated oil companies such as ExxonMobil and BP.

Biden will be looking for new sources of revenue to finance his \$1.9 trillion spending proposal aimed at accelerating the distribution of coronavirus vaccines and build a net-zero emissions economy.

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*Helpful information for those having to use oxygen or breathing treatments due to bronchitis, Pneumonia or COVID19 submitted by Lanette Mills*

With all that has gone on this past year & the uprising of bronchitis & pneumonia issues as well as Covid19, thought I'd put a two cent note in this Jet Jotter for people who may end up on oxygen or having breathing treatments due to any of the three mentioned, COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), or other lung diseases. Most people go home & do the 1 to 3 treatments a day just like the doctor (or more often the nurse) explains to do the ritual. Make sure your hands are washed & your equipment is cleaned or rinsed out thoroughly with hot water. Keep your medications in the proper temperature, weather it is room temp or in the refrigerator at colder degrees. Open the med packet and empty the medication in the cup as

required and make sure your top & middle sections are placed properly above and securely closed. Get your tubing and connect one end tightly & securely on the receiving end of the nebulizer. Please don't forget to plug it in. Place the other tubing end into the side stream hand held or mask options that you choose to use. Once you start, make sure you breathe in as much as possible with your mouth a blow out through your nose. Once you finish the 10 to 12 minutes cycle, undue all that you have attached & clean well again with warm water & bleach & hang to air dry. DO NOT put in baggies, this can cause molding. UGH! OK, let's back up ONE step, Before cleaning all items, have the person taking the treatment lean forward, cup your hand and carefully pound on the patients back from the top of the buttock area on one side on up to the shoulder area. Do the same on both sides of the back. The area of the lung/ribs under the arm pits should be paid close attention to as well. Pound/tap this area to help loosen the phlegm in the lungs. If the person has COPD, a hard time coughing, or too weak to cough to expel their mucus this last, less known maneuver can be of a big help. If it is a small or fragile person or you are afraid you will "hit" too hard, you can place a towel between the back & your hand.

Getting the mucus from the lungs is the main reason the breathing treatments are being used. So help the patient as much as you can to help with this terrible situation we have found ourselves in

## Birthdays in February:

Lanette Mills ~ February 28th

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Judy Kinser, Chairman

The Program Committee members, Shannon Potts, Vickie Newell, Ann Downey and Lanette Mills, met with me for lunch on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> to come up with ideas for 2021 Programs. If two heads are better than one, then five heads are a lot better than one. We can look forward to some interesting and informative programs, but mark your calendar for June for something very special. The program for February will be Kimmy York who is a Landman (woman). Kimmy visited our January meeting and is a prospective new member. The program for March will be attorney John Brown with a program on Mineral Interests, and he will be taking questions, so think about what you would like to ask an attorney for free. Thanks to the committee members for a lot of good ideas. This is the way a committee is supposed to work!

## A Desk & Derrick Journey

By Elaine Wells

I joined the Desk and Derrick Club of Graham in 1984. A lady employed at a local supply shop invited me to go to a meeting with her and hesitantly, I agreed to go. I have always been a very quiet person and it made me a nervous wreck just having to stand and introduce myself. I was totally intimidated by the women at the meeting and I really didn't intend to go back. A week or so after that meeting, a long time D&D member was in our office for other business. Before leaving, she stopped by my desk and commented on my attending the meeting and strongly encouraged me to attend the next meeting. I decided to give it another chance and that next meeting just happened to be the orientation meeting and of course, it was one of those infamous Speak Easy skits. I saw another side of the women that were so intimidating to me. They were still professional and confident women but they were also fun-loving women that knew how to laugh at themselves. I was so impressed by that. After attending the second meeting, I received a card in the mail inviting me to join the club. I chose to join but promised to NEVER be in one of those skits! That was a promise I didn't keep...I've probably been in at least twenty skits through the years.

I was placed on a committee and almost immediately began getting acquainted with other members. I attended field trips, my first was to Glen Rose and Granbury where we spent the day learning about the energy industry but also just spending fun time together. The Finance Committee had fundraising events on the downtown square and by participating in the event, I realized the difficulty in funding the club's budget. With each event attended, we were building relationships through working together. I was participating and becoming involved in D&D, and I was enjoying it. The Employer Appreciation Banquet in October was a special event and I was amazed by so many members (on different committees) working together to honor our industry leaders and our community in such a professional and entertaining manner.

In just a few months I had learned so much from being active and involved in Desk & Derrick. Participation and involvement are crucial! You only benefit from being a member if you are involved. Being involved builds relationships but equally important, it builds self-confidence and self-confidence improves every aspect of our lives, including our communication and social skills and specifically our employment skills. These were some of the very reasons this organization was founded.

Over the next four years, I served on numerous committees. Being a member of a committee of D&D makes you realize that you can accomplish even large, difficult tasks, TOGETHER! This was the case in 1989. I had agreed to be a candidate for a position on our local board of directors. At that time our club was over sixty members strong and we almost always had two candidates for each position on the board. Almost always, if you were defeated, you were asked to be chairman of one of the committees the next year. Well, I was defeated and was asked to Chair the Finance Committee. We had the usual bake sales at events on the square and were selling raffle tickets but it was getting very difficult to cover our expenses. My boss mentioned a golf tournament. I took the idea to our president and our parliamentarian and after lots of protocol detail, our club voted to collectively host our first annual Desk and Derrick Club of Graham Golf Tournament. It took months of planning and organizing the

tournament and every member was involved in some way. Our employers and even our community supported our tournament. It was a huge challenge but together, we made it a huge success! At the year's end, we had covered our budget and had over \$7K remaining to start the scholarship program.

Being involved in the golf tournament gave me the confidence to accept more challenges. In the fall, I again agreed to be a candidate to serve on the local board of directors and was elected to serve as Treasurer on the 1990 Board of Directors. In 1993 and again in 2004, I had the honor of serving as President of the Desk and Derrick Club of Graham,

If you like to travel, the regional and associational meetings are THE BEST!! I attended my first convention in 1985 in San Francisco. I believe my first region meeting was in 1987. Over the next 30 years, I seldom missed a meeting that was out of town. The seminars were so informative and motivating and the field trips were simply amazing because through Desk and Derrick, we had access to places that an individual would never see. I made some wonderful friends all over the USA and Canada and realized the diverse opportunities of the organization.

In February of 1998 our club hosted a motivational seminar at the Graham Woman's Club. We recruited five accomplished Desk and Derrick ladies as the speakers and invited the surrounding clubs in Region IV and Region V. That day, the speakers encouraged me to submit my name as a candidate for region director and in the spring, I was elected to serve as the 1999 Region IV Director. Representing the Graham club through serving as region director was a true honor - one that words can't adequately describe. I could not have done it alone and never felt that I was alone or separated from our club. It was the support and love of my friends standing with me and sharing in the experience...and I am forever grateful and humbled by the honor.

In the fall of 1999, I submitted my name as a candidate for Association Treasurer and was defeated. I was disappointed but the next year was one of great difficulty for my family and I could not have adequately performed the demands and duties of being treasurer. God always knows!

I was asked to be a Trustee for the ADDC Educational Trust in 2000. The Educational Trust is the Association's scholarship program and the trustees serve a five-year term. Seeing the impact this organization had on the scholarship recipients by helping them achieve their educational goals was a rewarding experiencing.

The networking within Desk and Derrick is outstanding. Whether a source of employment opportunities or a personal source of connection; it is a beneficial tool for D&D members. Just out of college, my son moved to Maui. Tony and I drove his vehicle to Long Beach, CA to have it shipped to him but when we arrived there, we were informed that the longshoreman's strike was beginning the very next day. We had airline reservations to fly home the same day! I called a friend from the Denver Club who knew a friend from the Long Beach Club that was employed for an oil & gas company that shared the parking garage with the hotel where we were staying. The companies allowed us to leave the car in the parking garage for the duration of the strike. I met that member whom I had never met, handed her the keys to my son's SUV and caught a taxi to the airport. She drove his vehicle to the docks when the strike was over, which was several weeks later. Amazing!!

Desk and Derrick has been a huge part of my life. It has taken me (and Tony) all over the world through region meetings, conventions and international energy excursions. The experiences and knowledge gained could fill a book; and yet the opportunities are still limitless. The many, many friendships I have gained are genuinely priceless and I count each one a blessing. Without Desk & Derrick, I would probably still be that shy, quiet, insecure person in the one girl office... and with fewer friends.

We all have our own D&D story? Your story begins by getting involved in your local club. Great things are done, learned and accomplished in the local clubs. In fact, the whole (association) is as strong as its parts (members).

Get involved. Bring a friend. Be prepared for a journey.

Special comments: Thanks to the members and board for the beautiful white rocking chair I received. Will enjoy looking out at the sunset as I rock on.



Thank you all, Connie