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This is a difficult letters to write to you, our Membership. I delayed my September letter because of what was happening in the beautiful city of New Orleans and State of Louisiana. Who knew that Ida was going to drop by Louisiana and say – “***Hey, I’m here!*** “

The very hard decision to cancel our 2021 ADDC Annual Convention was made by the Board. We could not continue our plans to be together in New Orleans. Our first concern was for the many people of New Orleans and the surrounding areas. The hurricane left a large part of the state with no power, no water and flooding. Devastation has been widespread and it is going to be a very recovery and return many of the services that we all depend on each and every day.

The reality of the situation was that we had to think of you, our membership, and what we thought was best for you. Not knowing exactly how much damage was done to the hotel, as it has been difficult to reach them without power, it was a necessary decision to make. Never would I have imagined that we would not be able to have an in-person meeting this year, especially after all that happened last year. But, here we are – cancelling our annual time to get together.

To the members of the Host Club, Westbank, and all of the members of the Southeast Region – thank you for all of your hard work preparing for all of the members to have been able to have a wonderful time in New Orleans.

Please NOTE - All members that had registered for the Convention will be receiving a full refund. If you paid through PayPal, your funds will be reimbursed to your account. If you paid by check, you will be receiving a check from ADO as reimbursement. I ask that you please be patient during this process. Please do not forget to cancel any and all of your reservations – hotel, airlines and car rental. You will need to cancel your hotel room because these were made by you individually with the hotel. Unfortunately we cannot cancel these for you.

To cancel your reservation, you may use the link below, which is the one that was used to make your reservations through the hotel. **Go online and use the following link for reservations: (**[**https://book.passkey.com/e/50167145**](https://book.passkey.com/e/50167145)**)** It will take you to the website where you made your reservation on line with Crowne Plaza Hotel, and in the upper right part of the site, there is a tab labeled “Manage your Reservation” where you should be able to cancel your reservation. Or you may call the hotel direct at **504-962-0500** and cancel

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*January 2021 President’s Letter*

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We will have a Virtual Meeting in the very near future, to conduct the business portion of our Convention. The Election of the 2022 ADDC Board of Directors as well as the voting on the Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws.

The Club Presidents will receive an email in the very near future with the date and the process of this meeting. The Delegates will be voting on all matters that come before the Assembly.

I ask that you please be patient as we get the details and logistics set up for the meeting.

Sad, yes that I won’t be able to give each of you a Texas size hug in New Orleans. But I am very thankful that all of our Members in Louisiana and surrounding states are safe and sound. That is more important than anything – your safety.

Look for details shortly and hopefully we can at least see each other on the screen!

Thank you to the amazing 2021 Board of Directors.

Many, many hugs to all of you and thank you,

Evelyn

**“Thank you for your support, your love and your understanding”**

**Evelyn Green**