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To the wonderful members of the Southeast Region, 

Well, September has arrived and here is hoping it brings with it the wonderful FALL weather we all look forward to after such a gruesome hot, wet summer!

September also brings the 2022 ADDC Convention - September 21-25, 2022 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh Meadow Lands, 340 Racetrack Rd, Washington PA 15301. The deadline for registration has been extended and now is the time to send in your reservation to our first in person Convention in 2 years!!! As life passes us by ever so quickly, and our dearly departed friends who keep us in check to remind us that life is short, don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with our cherished friends from all parts of the USA and Canada! Truly hoping to see you all there!

The past several years have been really hard on everyone and our organization is no exception. With membership numbers at their all time low and more club disbandments collectively than ever before (recently informed Abilene and Alberta Foothills may be next in line), it is really time to remind ourselves and inform our newer members what this organization really means to all of us! I know that each of you feel as I do that there are NUMEROUS advantages ADDC has given me in life, with everlasting friendships at the top of the list! Knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and how to conduct a meeting, leadership skills and invaluable industry knowledge are just a few to round out the list! We have survived over 70 years of perils, let's not let a virus be our undoing! Promote, promote, promote and lets get back to the organization most of us remember it was at our joining!

At the ADDC Board Meeting, a general consent was given to add Sharon Hiss to the Financial Review Committee and Rena Shaffer was appointed as the Committee Chairman! Please congratulate these ladies when you can and thank them for serving our wonderful organization!

The Board is currently working to update all ADDC Board Procedures to make it easier for anyone to step up! Please consider a leadership role of some sort, even if it is as a Co-Chair for a committee, and give it your all - you might be surprised at what you discover!!

Until next time,

*Kathy Martin*

*"Success is not Final; Failure is not Fatal; It is the Courage to continue that counts!" - Winston Churchill*

