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# Tri-State News

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**Editor's Musings**

If you've ever lived through a home remodeling project, you know how much you anticipated its beginning and how much more you looked forward to its completion. That's the situation at our house right now. With a great deal of things going right, it might be completed by the end of the year. More likely, that won't happen until sometime in January. Just like all our lives were turned upside down during COVID, our house and our lives are in a state of disarray. The upside to all this is that COVID is now mostly under control and because we are retired or almost so, we are flexible with our time and commitments. Life will soon return to normal or at least a "new normal" for all of us. We survived the past two years and Gary and I will survive this too.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. That's the sentiment we often see on the Christmas cards we send and receive each year and what we wish for ourselves as well. All too soon we'll be saying goodbye to 2022 and ringing in a brand new 2023. Many of us will be making those annual New Year's resolutions being fairly certain that they will be broken or forgotten before the end of January. But just for the sake of argument, what would you like to resolve to do next year—lose weight? Make regular visits to the gym? Read more books? Find a new job? Do better at your current job? Spend more time with your family? (fill in the blank \_\_\_\_\_). One of the things that could/should be on our lists is "To Be More Kind". If this would be the case, we surely could realize the long hoped for "Peace on Earth and Good Will Towards Mankind".

Donna Hartig, Editor

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As I begin to wind down my year as President of ADDC I am reflecting on what the board was able to accomplish, the things that are still in progress and what we were not able to address in what seems like a very short year!

The time flew by faster than I could keep up! With the world seeming to start spinning faster coming out of two years of pandemics, natural disasters, and our industry’s roller coaster, trying to catch up on things that were put on the back burner plus the current processes was not an easy task for this organization to stay ahead of! BUT I can tell you this 2022 board did a fabulous job of tackling some hard tasks and trying to see this organization into the future.

Reading some of the responses to the survey, majority of the folks in this organization are not ready to give up! They see the value of ADDC and what it stands for, we simply must figure out innovative ways to provide what our purpose is, which is a “premier provider of energy education and professional development”. We will never see those days of 5000+ members, but times have changed, and this organization should adapt to that change!

The survey is still open to those who did not have the opportunity to take it, please take 5 minutes of your time and provide your honest feedback! Your 2023 board will be looking at your responses and how we can help the association into the future!

<https://forms.gle/xX6rLF1HN6m3ShDU7>

I personally have many goals and tasks to continue to work on in 2023 and beyond for ADDC. For anything to “get better, grow, or adapt continuous process improvement is a major factor, and I am not done!

I want to thank the 2022 Board of Directors, Club presidents, committee representatives and members for providing honest feedback, guidance, and support throughout this year! I also want to provide a special thank you to Nell Lindenmeyer, Linda Rodgers and of course the Farmington Club for your support and love during not only this year but my entire journey thus far!! God always has a plan and this path he sent me on has helped me grow not only in my career but my personal life as well!!

Prayers and Blessings!  
*Philana Thompson*  
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You're invited to

The Tri-State Desk and Derrick's

Annual Christmas Party

5:30 PM on Thursday, December 8, 2022

at CountryMark's Pavilion

6855 Lower New Harmony Road

Mt. Vernon, Indiana 47620

The business meeting will begin at 5:30 PM

The Tri-State Club will provide smoked ham for dinner

Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c48a5ab2daoff2-tristate1>

To sign up to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share

If you wish to participate in the Dirty Santa gift exchange, bring a \$25.00 wrapped gift

We will also be playing fun

Christmas themed games with "fabulous" prizes





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DECEMBER 2022

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This year is almost in the record books, as we look forward to a very exciting and productive 2023.

First, I would like to thank all the clubs in the Northeast Region for their support and allowing me to be your Northeast RD in 2022. It truly was an honor and a blessing to work with all the clubs and members this year.

We have many challenges ahead of us in the world that we live and work in, the family we love, and working to achieve new goals and heights in 2023 within our clubs and the organization. So, it is time to begin picking up the pace and work to bring more success to ADDC.

The ADDC Board will be meeting in January to set new goals. We have a great group of leaders that can work together as a team with proven success. I want to thank Philana Thompson for her tireless dedication and the 2022 board members for their work during a year of ups and downs filled with difficult obstacles they had to overcome at every turn. They did an outstanding job and set the standard we need to maintain or even exceed!

Now on to 2023. Kelli Hiltabrand will take over as the 2023 Northeast Regional director, and what an upgrade for the Northeast Region. She is a very organized and great leader and will do an outstanding job for the region.

Secondly, the NE Regional meeting will be at the French Lick Springs Hotel in French Lick, IN May 17-21, 2023. It is a fantastic venue, and I cannot wait to see everyone live and in person. The Tri-State D&D Club will be hosting the event, with Michael Nelligan and the team planning a great schedule for us all.

Of course, if there is anything you need from me at any time, please do not hesitate to call my cell or send me an email.

Let's continue to work together to make 2023 a great year finishing strong as one of the best years ever for the ADDC!

Sincerely,

*Sam Thomas*  
Sam Thomas  
NE RD 2022

## Why Recycling?

Author: Donna L Hartig



Recycling plastic is probably the most confusing process in the recycling world. There are just so many types of plastic that we are tempted to throw up our hands and just chuck all of it into the dumpster. That is certainly a shame when so much of it is recyclable.

Plastic is an insanely durable material that resists decomposition, with a presumed life span of over 500 years. It's safe to say that every bottle you've ever used is still somewhere on the planet, although not necessarily in its original form. Plastic bottles get sold, shipped, melted, resold, and shipped again, sometimes crossing the entire planet.

Gary and I started recycling several years ago, sorting the items into labeled bins in the garage and taking them to the collection center on Ford Road when most of the bins have reached capacity. There is another center in the city of Mt. Vernon as well as one that accepts large appliances and other items which might otherwise end up in a landfill. In addition to plastic items, the Ford Road center accepts glass, paper, cardboard, tin and aluminum cans, books, magazines, used motor oil, and more. But, plastic seems to be the number one recyclable.

Recyclable plastics are categorized by numbers 1 through 7, but not all centers accept all the types. The Ford Road center accepts numbers 1, 2 and 5 plus what they call "clam shells" which are the clear, thin plastic cases or trays that sometimes hold strawberries or ready-to-eat sandwiches. In a separate bin, they also accept grocery and dry cleaner bags. By separating the plastic by number/type, they can more easily be re-routed to the facilities where they will actually be recycled into more bottles, bags, etc. Plastic caps can be recycled into park benches and other more substantial items.

In addition to taking plastic to recycling centers, one of the articles I read online offered suggestions for re-purposing some types of plastic bottles which among others included:

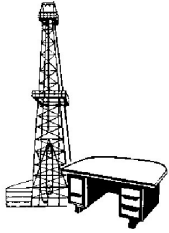


1. Using the bottom of a 2-liter bottle which has 5 or 6 bumps on the bottom, coat the bumps with paint, and press them lightly onto a sheet of paper or card stock to create petals for flowers. Add finishing touches of centers, stems, leaves, etc. to create custom greeting cards.
2. Make a chia pet from the bottom half of a 2-liter bottle by gluing features (googly eyes, nose, mouth, etc.) to the outside of the bottle. Fill the interior with potting soil and plant with fast growing grass seeds. This would make a fun project to do with small children as they watch for the hair that will grow on their "pet". Don't forget he will need a hair cut at some point.

Use your imagination, I'm sure there more fun craft projects you can do for yourself or your children using items you might otherwise toss into the trash. Remember the slogan "Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle". It makes good sense, it saves money, and it helps save our planet.



Contributions from: <https://www.wikihow.com/Recycle-Plastic-Bottles>



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The Holiday season is amongst us and we have a lot to be thankful for as a club. We have accomplished a lot together this year. We smoked a lot of pork loins, ran two 50/50 drawings, hosted another successful Golf 'n Grub, and awarded \$7,000 in Trade School scholarships. What a year!

On a personal note, I am thankful to serve as president of Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club. I have learned a lot serving as president this year. I am hoping to finally work the kinks out next year!

Even more to be thankful for, are the fantastic members of our club. Seeing so many Desk and Derrick clubs throughout the country struggle to maintain membership, it is wonderful to our club thriving. Thank you to each of you.

We still have a lot of work to do next year planning the regional meeting. With everyone's help I am confident we will accomplish great things with the Northeast Region meeting in French Lick, IN.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 8, 2022. It has been a couple years since our last Christmas party, but I think we still remember how to throw a party. I hope you all are able to attend. If you attending, remember to bring a dessert or side item, a \$25 gift and your party shoes! See you December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Yours truly,

*Michael Nelligan*





## Tri-State Desk and Derrick November 17, 2022 Minutes



The November meeting was held via Webex on November 17, 2022. The following members were present: Donna Hartig, Gary Hartig, Linda Henning, Emily VanHaaften, Hilary VanHaaften, Beth Etzkorn, Ryan Masterson, Alesia Cato, Sam Thomas and Michael Nelligan.

President Michael Nelligan called the meeting to order at 5:35PM. The October minutes were sent to the club prior to the meeting. Emily VanHaaften made the motion for the minutes from the October meeting to be approved. Ryan Masterson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Treasurer's report was distributed to the club prior to the meeting. Hilary VanHaaften made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Beth Etzkorn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Under Old Business:**

Beth, as part of the Nominating Committee, went over the nominations for 2023 officers. Nominations were opened to the floor. There were no additional nominations submitted. Sam made motion to close nominations. Hilary seconded the motion and it unanimously passed. Final nominations are: President – Michael Nelligan, Vice President – Beth Etzkorn, Secretary – Hilary VanHaaften, Treasurer – Ryan Masterson, and Board of Director – Linda Henning. All the Candidates were elected by acclamation.

### **Under New Business**

The club discussed the future of the NE Region and Region Meetings going forward. Everyone was in agreement that Tri-State would strongly prefer to remain in the Northeast Region and move to a virtual format for all NE Region Meetings beginning 2024.

Discussion began on 2023 Region Meeting in French Lick. To help increase attendance, the field trips will be on Thursday and Certification and Seminars on Friday. Committees based off of last year's plan and new volunteers are: Field Trip – Emily, Beth, Michael; Hospitality – Alesia; Registration – Hilary; Dinner/Meals – Stacey; Seminars – Sam; Program/Package – Donna, and Sponsorship – Michael. Ideas for a meeting theme included "Small, but Think Large", "Small, Medium, Large, we are all in this together", "Big or Small it Takes Us All", "Together Small, Medium and Extra-Large Producers Fuel U.S. Energy". We will also look into hosting the ice-breaker in the bowling alley of the hotel and incorporating it with the final theme.

The ADDC membership survey was discussed along with the included question "We have received word that a club will be submitting for review a proposal for ADDC to disband by 2025 if we have less than 800 members, currently we have 686 members. Do you agree with this proposal yes or no, please provide your reasoning." There are few details known to us about this proposal at this time. However, the proposal would need to go through ADDC Rules Committee and be voted on the Annual Convention.

The club discussed industry article "Big Oil Is Not Dancing To Government Tunes. Period." Sam made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37PM. Beth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Nelligan, President



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*Stacey Tate*                      12/15  
*Stephanie Coggins*            12/21

