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My heartfelt thanks to each and every member of the Westbank Club for a very successful Region Meeting. Lots of hard work, I know, but it is in the books. There were some awesome memories that were made for sure. From having to cancel our 2020 Region Meeting was disappointing, I know, but we bounced back full steam. GAC's, Angie Duplessis & Judi Adams, with their renewed energy handled all the arrangements in a very professional manner and got the job done. I was not worried with those two at the helm. Val Blanchard, Parliamentarian, kept me going, even though I did lose my voice, Dottie Ancona, my Assistant, helped me and was always there for me. Theresa Adams, did a lot of behind the scenes and printing of the program.

Wednesday evening opened for Registration and from there it was non-stop action. Thursday morning, field trips to C and C Marine and the Westbank Foodies Tour to two popular restaurants and back to the Hotel for some delicious queen cake, with no babies in it. Thursday night, I hosted a President's reception and had a good turn-out saluting the 2023 Club Presidents.

Up and early again for the Seminars, where my own husband, Randy, gave the first Seminar on "Roughnecks to the Rescue in Sherwood Forest." A very interesting presentation of a group of Oklahoma roughnecks with Noble Drilling sent to Sherwood Forest in England to help drill for oil during World War II undercover hiding out in Monasteries to replenish England's oil supply. The next seminar was our own, Barbara Pappas, who attended our Meeting, gave a presentation on "Leadership - What kind of leader are you?" Barbara did a very good job and everyone left with more knowledge of being a leader.

The President's Luncheon Meeting was held at a popular Italian Restaurant and was pleased Barbara joined us for the discussion after our delicious lunch.

Friday night was a fun night, "Beach Blanket Bunco", a good time was had by all. Nice door prizes and Bunco 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places were awarded prizes as well.

Saturday morning started up early again and a full day for sure with our Business Meeting (Congratulations to Angie Covers, 2024 Region Director-Elect), Member Recognition Luncheon (congrats to all the winners), Years of Service awards were all presented to members. The evening Banquet was a success with our Guest Speaker, Senator Sharon Hewitt who gave us a very interesting part of her life working offshore as the only female engineer and the many hurdles she had to go through. She also told us that her mother was a member of the Desk and Derrick Club of New Orleans.

Lots of hard work goes into planning a Region Meeting but there is no way I can list all of those who have helped me, donated items, time, money, etc. I am forever grateful to you all and thank you from the bottom of my heart. I do want to thank Alice and Nolan for helping me move my stuff, (along with hubby), to and from my room back to my vehicle.

One last thing - all my stars were aligned and shining very brightly that weekend.

Susan Miller
2023 Southeast Region Director