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**ASSOCIATION OF
DESK AND DERRICK
CLUBS**

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs is to promote the education and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy and allied industries and to educate the general public about these industries.

OUR MISSION:

Our mission is to enhance and foster a positive image to the global community by promoting the contribution of the petroleum energy and allied industries through education by using all resources available.

Online Resources

Club Website:
www.ddlafayette.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/deskaandderrickcluboflafayette

ADDC Website:
www.addc.org

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Our next meeting will be April 26, 2023. Please see message below regarding Petroleum Club:

Petroleum Club will now charge us for number of seats, rather than number of meals.

If you attend the meeting, you will be charged regardless of whether you eat or not.

Where: Petroleum Club of Lafayette

Cost: \$25 cash/check or \$28 if paying with credit card.

All members have a standing reservation for dinner. If you are unable to attend, CANCEL your reservation by emailing House at

ddlafayettehouse@gmail.com

You will be charged for dinner if you FAIL TO CANCEL by the deadline of 10:00 A.M. on the day of the meeting.

"Virtually nothing is impossible in this world if you just put your mind to it and maintain a positive attitude.."



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April 2023

To: ADDC Membership

The Spring season has arrived (although I know some are still receiving snow)! I hope everyone was able to celebrate and educate your community concerning Desk and Derrick Awareness Month. We have lost a lot of individuals in our industry due to the downturn in 2020. I am seeing growth in our industry again and for that I am thankful. Please remember an individual does not have to be employed in the oil and gas or allied industries to become a member of Desk and Derrick. Anyone who is interested in our industry is welcomed to become a member. You do not know if you do not ask! "Retain and Regrowth" is the goal for our organization.

Regional meetings will start this month and the host clubs have been busy preparing for your arrival. If you have not turned in your registration form, it is not too late! All registration information can be found on the ADDC website. I have the opportunity to attend three of the four regions this year and I am excited to be a part of educational opportunities region meetings are able to provide to all of us. If you have not attended a region meeting outside of your own region, you are missing out! Your Regional Directors have worked tirelessly for your region and have done an outstanding job of representing each of you! Please take a moment and thank your Regional Director for the time and skills they have put into this position.

Club Presidents – as in my last month’s letter, please be sure that your membership renewals are sent into ADO as soon as possible. Each club that does not have their 2023 dues in prior to the Regional Meeting, will not be in good standing and will not be able to vote on matters before the Meeting.

Committees are preparing their committee reports for region meetings and can be found on the ADDC website under the Region link and choose Region Meeting Reports. ADDC committees have been busy working towards goals for this year and you will be seeing the fruits of their labor soon.

“What you do has far greater impact than what you say.” — Stephen Covey, author, businessman and speaker

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APRIL 2023

Hello, April, a month of regrowth and renewal. Regrowing for the future of Desk and Derrick and renewal of our dedication to Desk and Derrick. At the Region Meeting this month we hope to accomplish this with the support of you, the member.

The Region Meeting is a time for all members to come together through informative seminars, business meetings, awards, fellowship, field trips, and other educational interests. The GAC chairs, Angie Duplessis and Judi Adams, have been working diligently toward a successful and memorable Meeting which I hope all members could attend.

Have enjoyed reading some of the club's Bulletins and seeing what activities the clubs' are organizing and participating in. Also, checking when and where the monthly meetings are and hoping I can attend some of the meetings this year.

I am striving this year to keep all the Presidents informed with emails and passing all the information on to their respective memberships. We want all members to be informed of the going ons of Desk and Derrick and if there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The 2023 ADDC Convention and Educational Conference will be hosted by the West Region September 19-24, 2023 at the Sandia Resort in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Susan

*"We look at the same stars and see such different things."
- George R. Martin*



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April 2023

"April showers bring May flowers" and our "Spring of Events" is in full swing. This week Ryan LaGrange with Lafayette Economic Development Association will speak with us. He will speak about Lafayette's current workforce by industries with a highlight on our industry.

Ada Weeks, Virginia Bright, and I just returned Sunday morning from Southeast Region Meeting in Gretna, LA. We had a great time and enjoyed visiting while getting to know each other better in the process.

I attended one field trip at C&C Marine. We toured each phase of building a tug/marine boat from conception to completion. In addition, we were able to board one in general maintenance while it was docked in the canal. This was very interesting. We started in the galley. Then, moved over to the living quarters. Then to the engine room. Next, we visited the hull where we were technically under water. Lastly, we visited the top deck where we were able to tour the captain's wheelhouse. It was very informative and educational.

The next few days were seminars, meetings, luncheons, ice breaker (*beach theme bunco*) business session, and lastly closed out with a banquet with Sharon Hewitt as keynote speaker. Sharon is currently Louisiana State Senator, District 1. During her time speaking she announced she will be running for governor. She is certainly a unique candidate. She is a Mechanical Engineer with 20 years previously in the oil and gas industry working for Shell offshore. I'm sure we will learn more about this candidate as well as the others as campaigns ramp up. At the end of the day, it's a great feeling to have options. Especially one that knows our industry.

The following were recognized and presented a certificate during the member recognition for their years of service: Congratulations to all

Melissa Thibodeaux (5 years)	Sarah Hulin (15 years)	Betty Bouillon (15 years)
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The following were announced and will receive certificates and pins at convention in September. Congratulations to all.

Lena Myers (25 years)	Carol Hale (46 years)	Sandy Foreman (48 years)
Ada Weeks (35 years)	Joycelyn Hebert (44 years)	Virginia Bowen Bright (51 years)
Delvie Hemphill (64 years)	Joyce Perkins (61 years)	

"Greater Knowledge, Greater Service" Looking forward to more years of service with you all. Cheers!!

Melissa Thibodeaux

March Meeting



Shawn Guidry introduces guest speaker, Lafayette Mayor/President, Josh Guillory



Mayor President Josh Guillory provides an update on our community.



Sarah Hulin presents the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance



Immediate Past President, Jennifer Accardo is presented her Scrapbook by Brittney Clark, Scrapbook Chairman



President, Melissa Thibodeaux and Publicity Chairman, Brittney Clark accept the Proclamation from Mayor/President Guillory



President, Melissa Thibodeaux and Program Chairman, Shawn Guidry present Mayor/President Josh Guillory with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.



Mayor/President Josh Guillory signs the Proclamation declaring March "Desk and Derrick Awareness Month"



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, March is recognized nationally as “*Desk and Derrick Awareness Month*”; and

WHEREAS, the Desk and Derrick Club of Lafayette was chartered in 1951 and has a Motto of “*Greater Knowledge – Greater Service*”; and

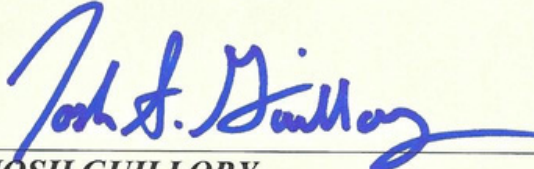
WHEREAS, the Desk and Derrick Club of Lafayette promotes the education and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy and allied industries; and

WHEREAS, the Desk and Derrick Club of Lafayette has been involved in assisting LAGCOE and other energy-related organizations for many years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH GUILLORY, LAFAYETTE MAYOR-PRESIDENT, do hereby recognize the

“DESK AND DERRICK CLUB of LAFAYETTE”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Lafayette Consolidated Government to be affixed this 15th day of March, 2023.



JOSH GUILLORY
MAYOR-PRESIDENT



Happy March **BIRTHDAY**



Sarah Hulin, 3/12 and Ada Weeks, 3/23

Not Pictured



Barbara Dronet, 3/15

April Member

Spotlight

Sarah Hulin



Last book you read?
Verity by Colleen Hoover

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor?
Blue Bell Crazy Cookie Dough paper

Favorite D&D memory?
Every single Region & Convention holds a special place in my heart. All the fun times with some amazing ladies who have turned into lifelong friends



-that time I gave away my shoes in the hotel elevator 😊



toured drilling rig



making bikini paper dolls during Region's Friday night function



THE ONE TIME WE WENT TO THE CASINO DURING REGION AND I HIT THE JACKPOT 😊

First concert you ever attended?
Reba and Brooks & Dunn

Bucket list item? Can be something maybe you have already checked off or something want to do?
Niagara Falls

Put your Best Foot Forward

*Personal
Development
Seminar
March 18, 2023*



April Meeting

Ryan LaGrange

Wednesday,
April 26, 2023

Time: 5:30PM

Where: Petroleum Club
of Lafayette

Contact:

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if you want to join us!



**Director of Workforce Development with the
Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA)**

PRESENTS:

A Look at Acadiana's Industry & Workforce

Oil Edges Higher on Supply Tightness, China Demand Hopes



By [Reuters](#)

March 5, 2023, at 8:52 p.m.

By Arathy Somasekhar

HOUSTON (Reuters) -Oil prices edged slightly higher on Monday, bouncing back from early losses, as top oil executives at an energy conference in Houston discussed supply tightness and hopes for rising Chinese demand.

Oil market and logistics are tight and vulnerable to any unexpected supply disruption, as Russian oil is still getting to the market, but at different costs, oil major Chevron Corp Chief Executive Mike Wirth said at the CERAWEEK energy conference.

Trading company Gunvor's CEO Torbjorn Tornqvist said crude prices may rise in the second half of the year as Chinese demand returns to the market, adding that the oil market has stabilized.

Brent crude futures were trading up 35 cents, or 0.4% at \$86.18 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures were up 78 cents, or 1%, at \$80.46. Oil was also supported by top crude exporter Saudi Arabia raising prices for the flagship Arab light crude it sells to Asia for a second month in April, as well as a weaker dollar.

A weaker greenback makes dollar-denominated crude cheaper for foreign buyers and boosts demand.

Earlier in the session, both benchmarks had decline by more than \$1 per barrel after China on Sunday set a lower-than-expected 5% gross domestic product (GDP) growth target for this year, down from last year's 5.5% target. Policy sources had told Reuters the target could be set as high as 6% for 2023.

China's GDP grew last year by only 3%. Premier Li Keqiang on Sunday said the foundation for stable growth needed to be consolidated, that insufficient demand remained a pronounced problem and expectations of private investors and businesses were unstable.

Oil traders are also concerned about interest rates across the world as global central banks have been tightening policy to fight inflation.

Investors awaited U.S. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's testimony this week. Traders have started factoring in rate hikes but are hoping for smaller increases than last year.

The Fed's Powell will testify to Congress on Tuesday and Wednesday, when he is likely to be quizzed on whether larger increases are needed in the world's biggest oil-consuming country.

Future U.S. rate hikes are also likely to depend on what the February payrolls report reveals on Friday, followed by the February inflation report next week.

Over the weekend, European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde said it was "very likely" the bank would raise interest rates this month to keep a lid on inflation.

(Reporting by Arathy Somasekhar in Houston, Additional reporting by Noah Browning in London, Mohi Narayan in New Delhi and Sudarshan Varadhan in Singapore Editing by David Goodman, Marguerita Choy and David Gregorio)

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EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 21, 2023* | Admission is free! *Actual Earth Day is Saturday, April 22
Main Pavilion at Girard Park 500 Girard Park Dr. | Lafayette, LA

6:30 a.m. – Sunrise Coffee
6:45 a.m. – Sunrise Blessing &
Breakfast 7:00 a.m. – Tree Planting

NOTE: Energy and conservation facts will be available! ***Feel free to join us in your company uniform . . . let's show America energy workers care about the environment, too!

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Our USA Energy Workers are amazing! They generate, explore, produce, refine, process, and transport the energy to energize our great nation in the safest and most environmentally sustainable methods. They deserve our appreciation.



*in
loving
memory*

Donald Gifford Briggs
December 30, 1940 - April 3, 2023

A Miami native, Briggs began his five-decade oil and gas career with Owen Drilling Company while he was still attending the ULL, then known as the University of Southwestern Louisiana. He graduated in 1964 and eventually formed Aztec Corp., a pipe supply company. In October 1992, he left his private sector business to form LOGA, which originally was known as the Louisiana Independent Oil and Gas Association. The group represents independent oil and gas companies at the state and federal levels. Briggs led LOGA from its founding until 2018. His son, Gifford, took the reins for the next two years. Gifford Briggs said he was lucky to work with his father for 14 years at LOGA, learning the ins and outs of Louisiana's sprawling oil and gas industry. "I got to see firsthand just what an amazing individual he was," Gifford Briggs said.

Chris John, a past president of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and former state lawmaker and congressman, saw Briggs lobby both at the State Capitol and the halls of Congress. "He was a tireless, tenacious, unapologetic advocate for the oil and gas industry, John said "Briggs had an uncanny ability to connect with people at all levels in the industry, from field workers to CEOs, said Bryan Hanks, president and CEO of Beta Land Services in Lafayette and a former LOGA chairman. "He truly was very unique in that perspective, having the ability to do that, and at the same time he was a fierce competitor," Hanks said. Hanks first met Briggs in the early 1990s, when LOGA was just getting off the ground. "He actually, for whatever reason, took me under his wing and told me he would not let me make the mistakes that he made as I was progressing in my career and building a company," Hanks said. "That was really a great benefit to me."

David Dismukes, who stepped down as executive director of LSU's Center for Energy Studies earlier this year, said Briggs offered advice on anything ranging from oil and gas tax policy to who to meet in the industry. He said Briggs understood the plight of independent oil companies following the 1980s oil crash. "He was always somebody that I could count on, particularly early in my career," Dismukes said.

Briggs lived in Lafayette for more than four decades. He was so beloved in the area that some restaurants named dishes after him, John said. "You could go to La Fonda and you could get your steak Don Briggs style," John said.

A few years after stepping down as LOGA's president, Briggs that recounted his life and career. Though he found many highs, he endured several lows as well. A 2016 fall led to serious head injuries that left his life in the balance. "In typical Don Briggs fashion he came back and wasn't going to let that stop him," John said.

But in 2021, an I-12 accident killed his wife, Nannette, and left Briggs with injuries.

Briggs served on the boards of a host of industry groups and committees, including the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the Independent Petroleum Association of America and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, among many others.

Tommy Faucheux, president of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, said the state's oil and gas industry lost a "great leader" and "loyal friend."

"He had a tremendous impact on Louisiana's energy industry and all who had the honor of working with him," Faucheux said in a statement.

Don was a proud and loyal supporter of Desk and Derrick. He will be missed by all.

Simply the Best Deviled Eggs

This is my favorite deviled eggs recipe. Its simplicity makes it so good.

Recipe by **crit** | Published on June 8, 2018

Prep Time: 10 mins

Cook Time: 5 mins

Additional Time: 15 mins

Total Time: 30 mins

Ingredients

- 15 jumbo eggs
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cooked and chopped bacon,
- divided $\frac{1}{3}$ cup minced onion
- 3 tablespoons dill pickle relish
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons prepared yellow mustard
- 2 teaspoons bacon drippings
- 1 pinch salt and ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika

Directions

Step 1

Place eggs in a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil; remove from heat and let eggs stand in hot water for 15 minutes.

Remove eggs from hot water. Cool under cold running water; peel eggs. Slice each egg in half lengthwise. Place yolks in a small bowl.

Step 2

Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup bacon, onion, dill pickle relish, mayonnaise, mustard, and bacon grease with the egg yolks using a fork; keep the yolks chunky. Stir in salt and black pepper.

Step 3

Scoop yolk mixture into 24 of the egg white halves. Sprinkle paprika and remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ cup bacon on top.

Cook's Notes:

You can play with the amount of mayonnaise, mustard, onion, and dill relish to adjust the flavor. The key is to not make the filling too soupy with too much mayonnaise.

Chop the onion as finely as possible to avoid overwhelming the dish.

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Feel free to contact any of the Committee Chairs above to serve our wonderful organization on a committee! Truly no better way to learn than to "DO"!