

Desk and Derrick Club of Oklahoma City

DERRICK LIGHTS



Translators
Ann Mefford

If you have ever played the game gossip, you know how important it is to get the message right. Now add to the mix different languages and it takes on a whole new dimension. Leah Owens has been working as an interpreter for nearly two decades. The native Oklahoman is currently a Business Development Specialist at Bromberg & Associates. Where everything is about doing translations in multiple areas.

Translations is an area we don't think about much, but someone must translate our technical, legal, safety, regulation, marketing information and more. The Oklahoma branch has 50 employees that translate 20 languages and have access to 200 languages, including tribal and 4000 interpreters. They have even made it possible to use multilingual Desktop Publishing with drop down languages.

Leah's company can do in person and teleconference translations for meetings or just one on one. Companies can have them translate any document. They have a very flexible service for every situation that may arise, including going to court with clients.

I find it interesting that they can schedule appointments with interpreters for indigenous people. That is a very specific language that is key to our country. They have a wide network of people all over the world to connect with any language that needs translated.

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Renew Refresh Remember
Repeat

CLUB MOTTO

"GREATER KNOWLEDGE - GREATER SERVICE"

CLUB PURPOSE

The purpose of the Club shall be 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.

ADDCC MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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***From the Editor,
Ann Mefford***

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

We are winding down to the end of the year and it's the busy time for almost everyone. My calendar has more on it than I can find time for.

I have decided to think about what is really important to me and adjust my plans to that. I won't have as many decorations up this year or send as many Christmas cards. I will not be able to make it to every event but I will enjoy the ones I do.

The one thing I have learned this year that I want to share is "don't kill yourself trying to do it all". Look at everything that you "think" you have to do and ask does it really matter. Some of the urgent things can wait and you may have to say "NO" when asked to help. These things will help bring down the holiday stress in your life.

Take a little time every day to take a breath and count your blessings. Make time to visit family and friends or call them. They are the people who are important to us and make us happy.

Ann

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December 2023

Greetings, Members!

Thank you for the past two years. It has been my honor to have served as your President – I consider all 17 of you as some of my favorite people. I have no doubt that we will be able to keep this organization strong and viable because of the desire and participation of our members. With Wendy and Michelle helping lead the Association, we have great role models to follow.

**WISHING YOU AND
YOURS A VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2024!**

 *Marsha*



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To: ADDC Membership

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or Happy Kwanza to you and your family in celebrating the holidays! I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful season that we reflect on the past and look toward the future.

This year was busy for the 2023 ADDC Board and we voted on 50 items of business this year. The 2024 ADDC Board is ready to hit the ground running and I know they will do an excellent job leading our Association. Our goal is to continue to support our industry and educate our members as well as educate the general public about the oil and gas industry. We strive to gain new members and retain our current members. Together, we can ensure ADDC is a viable, sustainable, and resilient organization.

In the November ADDC Board meeting, the motion passed to revise the Bylaws-Article IV – Educational Program Requirements. This will be effective January 1, 2024. The addition of:

Item F. A Club that has not met the program meeting requirements as described in Section A of this Article by the end of the calendar year shall be considered non-compliant and shall not be eligible to have a voting delegate or alternate at any Association meeting (Region or Convention) for the next calendar year.

The Board also updated the Board Procedures to keep in line with the way business is currently conducted, and also voted on updates to the Region Director training material. If you have been a club president, then you can be a Region Director! You will receive training from the ADDC President-Elect and a training manual to help you know what and when to perform your Region Director duties...you are not alone, and it is a great way to learn more about ADDC and your region!

Please mark your calendars now:

Southeast Region Meeting – Tentatively – Delegate Virtual Meeting April 13th or 17th, 2024. SE Region Meeting – In Person the day before 2024 ADDC Convention starts.

Central Region Meeting – April 26 – April 28, 2024 – Great Bend, KS

West Region Meeting – April 18 – 20, 2024 – Corpus Christi, TX

Northeast Region Meeting – May 15 – 18, 2024 – Canonsburg, PA

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Wendy Sparks is looking for volunteers for Region Representatives for various Committees in 2024. By stepping up to serve on a regional representative level for a committee, you can learn more about the committee and pass that knowledge onto other members. Please contact Wendy at wsparks@cegx.net.

All clubs have completed their elections for their 2024 Boards. Please fill out the ADO 31 form (New Officers Form) and email: ado@addc.org, your 2023 Region Director, and 2024 Region Director. Please retain a copy for your club records.

The NEW deadline for AIMEE submittals will be 11:59 pm on January 15, 2024, via electronic submittal. The category submittals will be from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

The ADDC Board voted to alter the dates concerning the AIMEEs. The AIMEE category submittals dates for 2023 will encompass January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The **deadline for AIMEE submittals will be 11:59PM, January 15, 2024**, via electronic submittal. Please make note of these changes.

The 2022 FRC is completing their review of the 2022 ADDC Financials and hopefully will be sent to membership soon. The 2023 FRC is finishing up the 3rd quarter and will send out to membership this month, and the 4th quarter 2023 financials will be sent out by March 2024.

I would like to say “Thank You” to the 2023 ADDC Board for all their hard work, determination, and perseverance in making ADDC better than the year before. That is how we grow. I want to especially thank each member of our organization. ADDC would not be what it is today without each of you! Thank you for electing me to lead you and ADDC in 2023. I have learned so much about the Association, the membership, and a lot about what it takes to be a leader in a diverse group of individuals. I tried to listen, engage, and conduct business in a professional manner. Great things were accomplished this year, and none would be possible without you and the ADDC Board. Thank you for a wonderful year!

I started this journey in 2006 with the encouragement of a fellow member who insisted I join Desk and Derrick (Thank you, Vickie Young). I never thought about being a Region Director, much less the ADDC President. Leaders are Born and Leaders are Made. It is up to the person what type of leader they want to be. For me, I am a servant leader. Although I am the ADDC President, I always saw myself as a member first. I leave that as my legacy, “Always a Member”.

I want to close this letter with one last leadership quote:

“The single biggest way to impact an organization is to focus on leadership development. There is almost no limit to the potential of an organization that recruits good people, raises them up as leaders and continually develops them.” —John C. Maxwell.

Greater Knowledge ~ Greater Service

Barbara Pappas

Central Region Director's Newsletter



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Central Region Members,
 It is the last month of 2023. We will soon be celebrating Christmas or Hanukkah and wishing everyone a Happy New Year. I do hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

This will be my last letter written to you as your Central Region Director. I am taking this time to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you for making this a terrific year. Together we have made this year truly wonderful, and I thank you for putting your trust in me to lead you during 2023. You all have been fantastic, and it has been very rewarding.

To the outstanding Club Presidents in the Central Region: Christina Hefton, Butler County Club; Darlene Hollingsworth, Fort Worth Club; Melodee Guerrero, Graham Club; Lonnie Broce, Great Bend Club; Kay McKinley, Liberal Club; Buffie Campbell, Lone Star Club; Marsha Gentry, Oklahoma City Club; Gay Wheeler, Tulsa Club; Allison Igo, Wichita Club and Sheila McGaughey, Wichita Falls Club – you all ROCK. You all made this a great year, and your leadership has been educational and rewarding. Give yourselves a pat on the back. I now pass the baton to Michelle Burgard of the Oklahoma City Club. Michelle will lead the Central Region in 2024.

A big thank you to the Butler County Club for stepping up and hosting the 2023 Central Region Meeting. You all did a great job. It is with great sadness that I report that the Butler County Club is disbanding on December 31, 2023. Some of the members will be transferring to the Wichita Club for 2024.

In 2024, we will have new Boards for our Clubs and a new ADDC Board of Directors. Members, please step up to help the new board members. Volunteer to Chair a committee or be a representative of the Club, Region or ADDC level.

All our clubs have had their elections for their 2024 Boards. Please fill out the ADO 31 form (New Officers Form) and email: ado@addc.org, michelle.burgard@dvn.com, valwilliams1950@gmail.com, and retain a copy for your club records.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!

Val



OH, CHRISTMAS TREE

By: Marsha Gentry

In the oil and gas industry, a Christmas Tree is a piece of equipment that provides flow control on an oil and gas well. Christmas trees are a vertical assembly of valves with gauges and chokes that allow for adjustments in flow control as well as injections to stimulate production. The tree creates a seal between the casing and the tubing and controls wellhead pressure.

The Christmas tree is sometimes confused for the wellhead of an oil well. The Christmas tree sits atop the wellhead, but it is a separate piece of equipment. There is no Christmas tree on the wellhead during drilling operations. Instead a blowout prevention device sits atop the wellhead as the well is drilled and casing/tubing strings are inserted. When the well is moved to production, the Christmas tree is affixed for flow control. So the wellhead is present from the start whereas the Christmas tree is an additional piece of equipment that comes into play when the well moves from drilling to production.

Christmas trees are used in oil exploration and production in surface and underwater oil and gas wells. Christmas trees on surface wells are also known as surface trees, as they connect to the wellhead that is visible on the surface of a well.

Christmas trees used in offshore drilling and extraction are called subsea trees. Subsea trees can be vertical or horizontal based on how the master valves – the valves set on the flow path and capable of closing off production – are designed. Subsea trees have even less of a resemblance to a Christmas tree, but the name persists out of tradition.

A frac tree is a type of Christmas tree that is specifically designed for use in hydraulic fracking, a process in oil production where rock is broken up, or fractured, using a high pressure liquid solution, which then frees up petroleum locked in rocks for our use. Fracking uses a lot of pressure and high temperatures, so fracking trees are designed to withstand those operating conditions.



Lucky



Strike!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

01/06 Taylor Stafford
01/10 Tim Parrish

December

12/01 Ann Nguyen
12/15 Jamie Sabata



50/50 winner Michelle Burgard and Wendy Sparks our November Birthday winner.

December 13, 2023 Membership Meeting

On the Border

120 S. Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City, OK

Dinner & Meeting at **5:30 p.m.**

Cost \$20 Meeting Only: No Charge

Speaker Halle Carr, Sex Trafficking Victim Outreach Coordinator from Dragonfly Home

Reservations must be received by noon on Monday, December 11, 2023



DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 14 Roast Chestnuts Day



Dec 16 Stupid Toy Day

Dec 19 National Hard Candy Day

Dec 21 Crossword Puzzle Day



Dec 22 National Mathematics Day (ugh)

Dec 26 National Whiners Day



Dec 30 National Bacon Day

Jan 3 Festival of Sleep Day

Jan 8 Bubble Bath Day



Jan 13 National Rubber Dickie Day

Jan 16 National Nothing Day

LET'S LAUGH (or groan)



Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
A: Ice Krispies.

Q: What do gingerbread men have on their beds?
A: Cookie Sheets.



Q: What makes a candy cane a collector's item?
A: It's in mint condition.



Q: Where do you buy a Christmas gift for your pig?
A: Hamazon.

Q: What's the most festive herb?
A: Christmas-thyme.



WINTER WORD SEARCH



W	E	A	T	H	E	R	W	G	S	F	P	S	F	M
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D	R	H	B	P	T	T	D	P	V	B	P	W	W	N
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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Snow | 5. Shovel | 9. Slippery | 13. Scarf |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold | 10. Slide | 14. Hat |
| 3. Winter | 7. Freezing | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating | 16. Mittens |



DECEMBER 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Bulletin	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Articles Due	9
10	11	12	13 Membership Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
31						

January 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Articles Due Bulletin	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Members Meeting	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			