

# TOP PAY

## Club Bulletin

### **Desk and Derrick Club of Midland West Region**

*...learning about the energy industry...*

*...networking...*

*...raising money for scholarships...*

*...giving back to the community...*

*...socializing and having fun...*

## DECEMBER ISSUE

editor: Ingrid Burton

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## CLUB PRESIDENT'S LETTER

DECEMBER



Greetings Members of the Desk and Derrick Club of Midland!

I would like to begin by saying it has been a great privilege to have been given the opportunity to serve as President of the Desk and Derrick Club of Midland.

Looking back at the past 12 months, it seems like almost every month was filled with important events. Indeed, for me personally, it has been a most eventful period throughout, at times challenging, but on the whole, a most rewarding experience.

I would like to express my debt of gratitude to the members of the Board for the great team work and for their invaluable support and advice throughout my term.

As we look to the future, we need to prepare for our next President and Board; they are intent on building a better club. However, the real value of this Club is its members - your skills, talents, personalities, and sense of fun and enjoyment can be huge assets to our Club. We, as members, need to continue with innovative ideas and present them to the Board.

So the time has come and, with great pleasure, I now hand over the task of President to Amanda Espinosa!

Mikah Thomas  
2023 President  
Desk and Derrick Club of Midland



CLUB INFORMATION

**CLUB REPRESENTATIVES**



**YOUR NEW 2024 BOARD MEMBERS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<i>President</i>	Amanda Espinosa	<i>amanda_espinoza@oxy.com</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	Melissa Mulloy	<i>melissagdavis@gmail.com</i>
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<i>Director</i>	Veronica Brewer	<i>veronica_brewer@oxy.com</i>
<i>Director</i>	Kim Penick	<i>kimberly.penick@delekus.com</i>
<i>Imm. Past President</i>	Mikah Thomas	<i>mikah.thomas@yahoo.com</i>

**NEW YEAR and NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER!!!**  
**CONTACT AMANDA EXPINOSA to volunteer...432.553.1287**

**COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Co-Chair</u>
Black Gold Golf Tournament	Melissa Mulloy <i>melissagdavis@gmail.com</i>	Amanda Espinosa ~ 903.754.3368
Bunco Game Night		
Contest		
Education		
Election / Nominating		
Finance		
Industry Appreciation		
Linda Donham Scholarship	Board of Directors	
Membership		
Program		
Public Relations		
Reservation		
Ruth Donnell Scholarship	Veronica Brewer <i>veronica_brewer@oxy.com</i>	~ 575.706.4293

**RUTH DONNELL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

**EMAIL:** Chairman: Veronica Brewer ~ veronica\_brewer@oxy.com

**Deadline for Spring Session: December 15**

**PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION TO:**

Desk & Derrick  
Scholarship Committee  
P. O. Box 1504  
Midland, TX 79702

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER: (spring, fall, summer) \_\_\_\_\_

OR EMAIL: joycelef@hotmail.com

**DESK AND DERRICK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Address including Town, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Give name, occupation and address of three people (not relatives) that know you well.  
The Committee may contact these people for additional information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Address and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours will you be attempting? \_\_\_\_\_

What degree will you be pursuing? \_\_\_\_\_

Which college are you attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to attend college? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**RUTH DONNELL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

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List other Scholarships you have applied for:	Amount	Received (Y/N)
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Employment (Most current position first)

Company	Position	Length of Employment
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Brothers and Sisters:

Name	Age	School and Grade	Live at your home (Y/N)
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Please explain any special circumstances which you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider when evaluating your application:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

**Please attach two letters of recommendation, a copy of your high school or college transcript, a copy of your college acceptance letter and a copy of your classes for the semester to this application.**

**Application Criteria**

1. Must be taking a minimum of 12 credit hours for full-time scholarship awards and must maintain a 2.5 grade point average.
2. Must be pursuing a petroleum-oriented career or a business degree.
3. Must inform the Scholarship Committee of any other scholarships, grants, or financial assistance of any nature you receive.
4. Must meet Desk and Derrick Scholarship Duty Sheet Requirements.
5. Deadline for submitting applications:

Spring semester applications	December 15
Fall semester applications	July 15
Summer semester applications	May 15

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

**INWITE, INWITE, INWITE to this FUN event!**



**DESK AND DERRICK  
CLUB OF MIDLAND  
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**  
4600 Green Tree Blvd, Midland,  
(please park on side street)

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**Food and Drinks will be provided**

RSVP TO: Amanda Espinosa  
[amanda\\_espinosa@oxy.com](mailto:amanda_espinosa@oxy.com)

**Bring your friends and co-workers  
to join our club!**



**RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORMS**

*These should be coming out soon.  
They are also available on the ADDC website.*



## DESK AND DERRICK ARTICLE

### ADDC Petroleum Technician Certification – What Is It and How Can I Get It?

Submitted by: Joyce Nolly

The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs has an enormous amount of information, knowledge and professional development to offer. Sure, you know about the exciting field trips where you can get up close and personal on an oil rig. You've been in meetings where there was an interesting speaker that gave an AWESOME and unforgettable demonstration. And throughout the years, you've made some life-long friendships and met some really good people. But did you know that the ADDC wants to help develop you on your education journey as well? This is why they offer the **Petroleum Technician Certification** to our members. But just what does this mean; how useful is it; and is it worth it?

The ADDC Certification Program is offered twice a year during Regional Meeting and again at Convention to further your knowledge of the petroleum industry. The purpose of the certification program is to provide an educational program covering a series of subjects to acquaint you with every aspect of the oil industry. Six courses are offered annually by an instructor, knowledgeable on the subject to be covered, in different areas including **Accounting; Completion & Production; Drilling; Geology; Land & Leasing** and **Petroleum Marketing**. I'd like to add that, by taking each course, I got a better feel for areas that I was less familiar with. I worked for twenty years as a Geo-Tech and the last seven years of my career I transferred to the Production Department as an Information Data Tech. I felt very comfortable with these two positions, but there was so much more that I was able to learn and take back to my department after completing a course. After I finished each course, I would write a summary of what I learned and presented it to my supervisor. This helped to strengthen my case that I was developing my skills outside of the office. It just so happened, on one occasion, that the topic we discussed in the program was relevant to what was going on at work, and my summary was passed on to our manager who complimented me on it and was eager to pay for my next class. So, to answer was it worth it...YES it absolutely was! I felt 'smarter'... I was able to add more value to my department and got recognized for it.

After each course, a test is administered that you have to pass, but don't let this scare or intimidate you because the instructors will usually say "*you might want to remember this because you'll see it again on the test*". The order of the course can be changed as needed for each region; however, all six subjects have to be presented before a new rotation starts. The rotation is also tracked in the ADDC database. Individuals attending a certification program at either Convention or at a Regional Meeting and passing the comprehensive examination will be given a "*certificate of completion*" that you can frame and proudly display in your office or home.

Here are some frequently asked questions that might have popped into your mind:

**How Long is each subject?** The length of the program is established by the instructor and is no less than five hours or no more than eight hours long and it may include a field trip, if the field trip is related to the subject presented.

**Is there a Fee?** Yes. Registration fee for each program is usually a minimum of \$75.00 for members and \$125.00 for non-members. Yes, non-members can also attend.

**Is the test hard?** I'll have to admit that the information given is a lot to absorb in a few hours but you take lots of notes and listen carefully when you're told "*this will probably be on the test*". All of the subjects are very interesting so you're eager to learn all you can, which makes remembering it a lot easier. It's multiple choice and everyone will pass the course...trust me!

**ADDC Petroleum Technician Certification – What Is It and How Can I Get It?**

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**How useful is the certificate of completion?** For me, it was quite useful. Of course, the outcome of what it will do for you will vary, but for me I was able to get a raise on my job and to show his support, my supervisor attended our local Desk and Derrick meeting and presented my certificate to me. All of this was quite special. Also, by completing each course, I had a greater understanding of each subject (*even if it was just an introduction*) and I felt as if I was able to hold a much better conversation with others when discussing the subject.

**How many members are in each class?** The number of participants will vary depending on how many members need the subject that's being offered. Typically, it's not more than a dozen members.

**What happens if the course I need isn't offered?** If you need a subject and it's not offered at the Region Meeting, you can wait to see if it will be offered at Convention. Before the pandemic, conversations were made to see if members would be able to take the subject needed online so this might now be an option. Check with your Regional Director to confirm.

I am proud to say that by completing the certification program I am in an '*elite*' group of only a few throughout ADDC who have completed the program and I am the first to receive the certificate of completion in our local club. I invite and encourage each of you to get started and if you've started and stopped, it's never too late to continue. Sign up with a fellow member...make it fun and see where this journey can lead you. When I first started this journey, the instructors were mostly men from companies who had lots of years of experience in the subject. I am so happy to report that we have qualified members within our own association who are just as experienced and knowledgeable on the subjects being offered and the ADDC has given this opportunity to several of our own members to be the instructor.

Lastly, I would say that you made the choice to be associated with ADDC by becoming a member of your local club. Go a step further and take advantage of *everything* that's offered. Tell your supervisor what your plans are and you might be surprised at the support you'll receive. If you have questions, I'm available to help you and calm any anxiety you might have. If I can do it, YOU can do it too. The first step is to sign up and get started. Your future is waiting!

**DESK AND DERRICK ARTICLE**



**Submitted by: Joyce Nolly**

The 2023 Permian Basin Oil Show was nothing short of amazing and at times, overwhelming! It was an absolute MAD HOUSE trying to find a parking space; I've never seen it this crowded before. It was VERY well attended and a huge success. This is a global event where companies can showcase their latest tools and equipment, network with others in the industry and basically just have a good time catching up. This year there were over 725 exhibitors and it's where the industry's future is shaped.

As in the past, the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC) was fortunate enough to have a booth at the Oil Show in an effort to let others know about our association and also our local clubs. Clubs represented this year were the Midland Club, Wichita Falls Club, and the Roswell Club. Former member Jean Rinehart donated a plaque for the Oil Show's office as she elected to retire this year. We also acknowledge and remember the many years Barbara Kirby helped out at the Oil Show and served on the PBIOS Board. Thank you to Jean and Barbara for your many years of service and representing our club. Thank you also to all of the members who participated including our ADDC President, Barbara Pappas who came from Wichita Falls to set up and man the booth. She did a fantastic job decorating it. She was also able to get a couple of names from people who would like more information about our local club. Below are a few pictures that were captured.



## Black Inventors

By Joyce Nolly



Most people are familiar with a few inventions by African-Americans, i.e. George Washington Carver (*peanut butter*) and Alexander Miles (*elevator*), but did you know that there are SO many more inventions that barely gets mentioned? In honor of Black History Month, I'd like to introduce you to a few more.



In Honor of Black History Month

## BLACK INVENTORS

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>INVENTOR</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Air Conditioning Unit	Frederick M. Jones	1949
Almanac	Benjamin Banneker	1791
Auto Cut-Off Switch	Granville T. Woods	1839
Auto Fishing Device	George Cook	1899
Baby Buggy	William H. Richardson	1889
Biscuit Cutter	Alexander P. Ashbourne	1875
Blood Plasma Bag	Charles Drew	1945
Chamber Commode	Thomas Elkins	1897
Clothes Dryer	George T. Sampson	1971
Curtain Rod	Samuel R. Scottron	1892
Curtain Rod Support	William S. Grant	1896
Door Knob	Osborn Dorsey	1878
Door Stop	Osborn Dorsey	1878
Egg Beater	Willie Johnson	1884
Electric Lamb Bulb	Lewis Latimer	1882
Elevator	Alexander Miles	1867
Eye Protector	Powell Johnson	1880
Fire Escape Ladder	Joseph W. Winters	1878
Fire Extinguisher	Thomas Marshall	1872
Folding Bed	Leonard C. Bailey	1899
Folding Chair	Nathaniel Alexander	1911
Fountain Pen	Walter B. Purvis	1890
Furniture Caster	David A. Fisher	1878
Gas Mask	Garrett Morgan	1914
Golf Tee	George T. Grant	1899
Guitar	Robert F. Fleming, Jr.	1886
Hair Brush	Lydia O. Newman	1898
Hand Stamp	Walter B. Purvis	1883
Ice Cream Scoop	Alfred L. Cralle	1897
Insect Destroyer Gun	Albert C. Richardson	1899
Ironing Board	Sarah Boone	1887
Key Chain	Frederick J. Loudin	1894
Lantern	Michael C. Harvey	1884
Lawn Sprinkler	John H. Smith	1897
Lemon Squeezer	John Thomas White	1893
Lock	Washington A. Martin	1893
Lubricating Cup	Elijah McCoy	1895
Lunch Pail	James Robinson	1887
Mail Box	Paul L. Downing	1891
Mop	Thomas W. Stewart	1893
Peanut Butter	George W. Carver	1896
Pencil Sharpener	John L. Love	1897
Record Player Arm	Joseph H. Dickinson	1819
Rolling Pin	John W. Reed	1864
Shampoo Headrest	Charles Orren Bailiff	1898
Spark Plug	Edmond Berger	1839
Stethoscope	Thomas A. Carrington	1876
Straightening Comb	Madam C. J. Walker	1905
Street Sweeper	Charles B. Brooks	1890
Phone Transmitter	Granville T. Woods	1884
Thermostat Control	Frederick M. Jones	1960
Traffic Light	Garrett Morgan	1923
Tricycle	Matthew A. Cherry	1886

# Beauty

BEYOND BREAST CANCER

By Joyce Nolly

October kicks off “**Breast Cancer Awareness**” month and I hope that each of will take time to self-examine yourselves as well as get a mammogram. The saying is true, *‘early screening is the best detection’*. Some women don’t get screened because of fear, maybe lack of insurance or a number of other reasons. But there comes a time when you must take care of YOU!

As someone who was diagnosed in 2019 I can truly say that I am blessed beyond measure. Notice I said diagnosed”...I don’t claim anything except my total and complete healing from God Almighty. I thank God that I only had to have surgery to remove the lump, 4 week of radiation and no chemo. I am truly blessed!

I attended an event to honor breast cancer “*thrivers*” not survivors! We have to be careful of the words we put out in the atmosphere. “*Life and death is in the power of the tongue*”. There’s an organization called “**Beauty Beyond Breast Cancer**” started by Venita Graves in Houston, TX. She and her team provide a private and serene atmosphere where women can come to select a free wig, receive complementary salon services, and learn makeup application, all while thriving through the effects of cancer treatments. Her desire is to give hope to those who are despondent because they feel ‘different’ due to chem and have lost their hair. This is her fifth year to host a style show and fabulous dinner and this year’s event was a BLAST! There were about 1,500 in attendance and each ‘thriver’ received a beautiful pin. There was an entertaining fashion show with “The Silver Fox Squad” to walk the models down the aisle.

If you have a chance to attend “**Pink the Basin**” of the Permian Basin on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Midland Horseshoe, please take advantage of it and give your support to a very worthwhile cause. You never know when you or someone you know or love will need that support.



## **CLUB HISTORY AND INFORMATION**

### **AFFILIATION DATE**

November 15, 1951

### **MAILING ADDRESS**

PO Box 1504  
Midland, TX 79705

### **CLUB FACEBOOK**

[www.facebook.com/MidlandDeskandDerrick](http://www.facebook.com/MidlandDeskandDerrick)

### **PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS (*Current Members*)**

- Barbara Kirby - 1993, 1994
- Brenda Norman - 2013, 2014
- Ingrid Burton - 2015, 2019, 2020
- Jamye Ball - 1994, 2003, 2009
- Joyce Nolly - 2016, 2017
- Lea Ann Spurlock - 2018
- Marnee Lane - 2021, 2022
- Mikah Thomas - 2023

### **PAST CLUB REGION DIRECTORS**

- 1969 Margaret Larkin (Rhea)
- 1982 Mary Anna Brimberry
- 1987 Kaye Gassie
- 1991 Kaye Gassie
- 1992 Loretta Cummings
- 2000 Trina Prichard

### **CLUB PETROLEUM TECH CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS**

2017 Joyce Nolly

### **CLUB FIRSTS**

- The first Club meeting was held at Ranchland Hills Country Club in 1951 with more than 150 women.
- The first Region Meeting (Region V) was held in 1952.
- The Scholarship Committee was established in 1970.
- The first Black Gold Golf Tournament was held in 1992.
- The Scholarship Committee was renamed Ruth Donnell Scholarship Committee in 2018 in honor of one of the Club's founding members.
- The first Region Meeting (West Region) was held in 2019; Host Club was the Club of Pampa.
- The first Clay Sporting Event was held in 2019; Chairmen were Cindy Hay and Melissa Mulloy.
- The first Bunco Game Night was held in 2021; Chairman was Ingrid Burton.
- The Linda Donham Scholarship fund was established in 2019 to assist members with the cost of attending West Region Meeting and ADDC Convention in honor of Linda Donham who was an active, supportive, and involved member of the Club.

## **ASSOCIATION DIRECTIVES**

### **ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS**

ADDC is the energy industry association that brings everyone together to build better careers, companies and communities.

Membership is open to those employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy, and allied industries as well as individuals interested in increasing their knowledge about these industries, who can benefit from broad-based, cross-functional training.

#### **MOTTO**

Greater Knowledge - Greater Service

*Adopted in 1957*

#### **PURPOSE**

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 as well as the companies and global communities the members serve.

*Adopted in 1987; Amended in 2015*

#### **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.

*Adopted in 1957*

#### **VALUES**

Integrity / Accountability

Leadership

Professionalism

Teamwork

*Adopted in 2015*