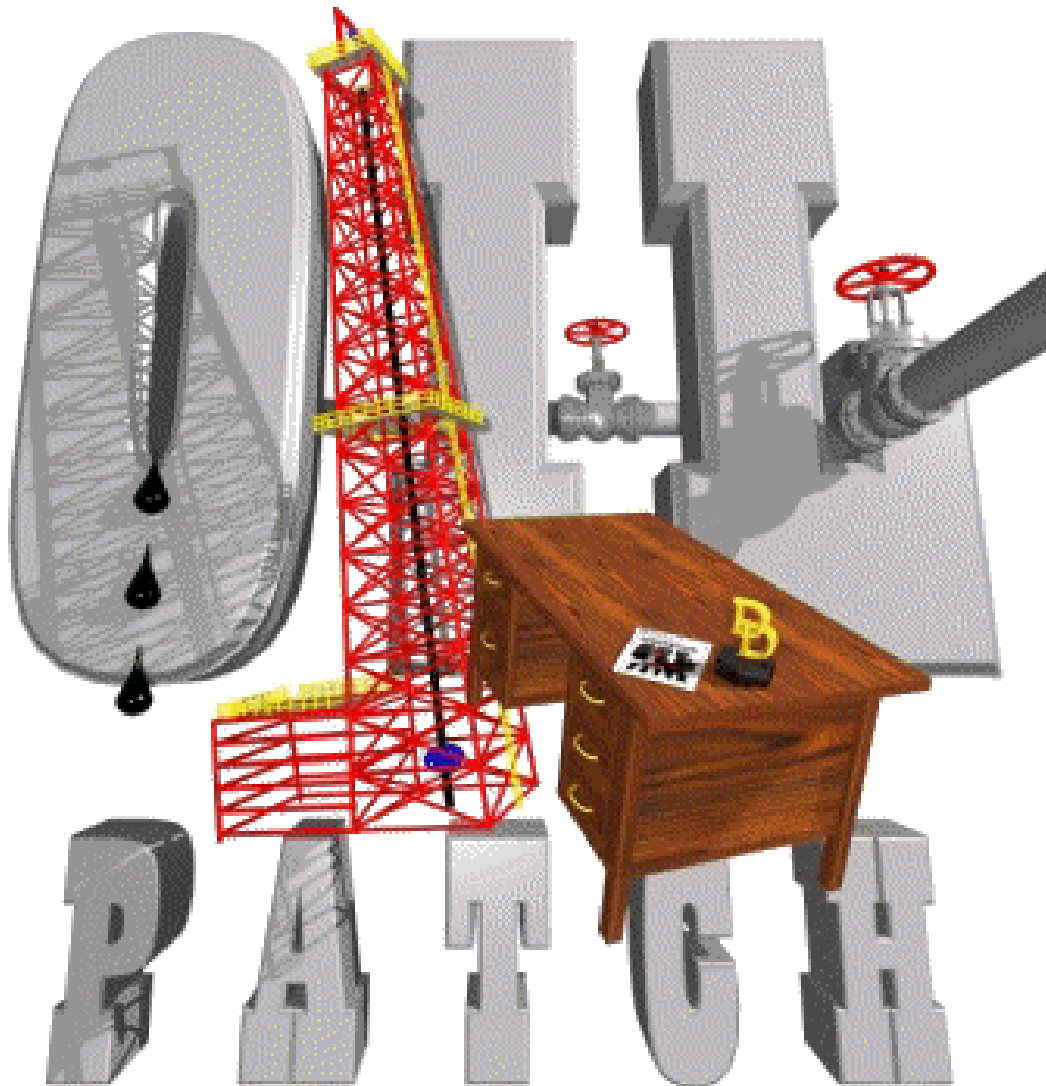


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2023

BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
January 18	January 25
February 15	February 22
March 15	March 22
April 12*	April 26
May 17	May 24
June 21	June 28
July—No Meeting/No Bulletin	July—No Meeting/No Bulletin
August 16	August 23
September 13**	September 27
October 18	October 25
November 8+	November 15+
December—No Meeting	December—No Meeting
* moved-Region Meeting; ** moved-Convention; +moved-Thanksgiving	

December

No Meeting

See you at the Holiday Brunch

December 8, 2023

Specialty Italian Bistro

Club President's Newsletter

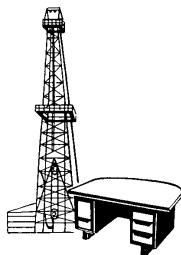
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December 2023

Dear Westbank Members,

It's time to reflect on the year as we come to the close of 2023, our 47th year. We had lots of highs and several lows. We learned about the energy industry from several video presentations and were informed about projects of Zachry Group and the history of ADDC Convention with Fashionable Decades.

We awarded five (5) \$1,000 scholarships to very deserving students at the first in person Scholarship/Industry Appreciation Night in several years. We hosted a very successful Southeast Region Meeting, led by Westbank member Susan Miller, 2023 Region Director. Susan was determined to have a better year than 2020, when her entire year was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We were represented by four (4) attendees at the 2023 ADDC Convention in Albuquerque, NM.

We collected dozens of toys for the Annual Children's Hospital toy drive; we volunteered at the API-Delta Chapter Joint Industries luncheon, led by API-Delta Chapter President Charlie Miller. And, we welcomed Gabriella Hunter back as she and Jim returned to the Westbank after several (too many) years.

We said final farewells to four loyal members: Cora Bergeron, JoAnn Brown, Zelda Gillan, and Kerry LeMaire. These ladies left giant holes in our hearts. They will be sorely missed. Now we close out 2023 with a Holiday Brunch with our members, family, and friends on December 8th.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy holiday season and look forward to the new year! Thank you for your support and participation throughout the year.

Angie Duplessis

**DESK & DERRICK CLUB OF THE WESTBANK
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

President Angie Duplessis called the November 2023 meeting of the Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank, at the Red Maple Restaurant to order at 5:55 p.m.; a quorum was present.

Glenda Gaither led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Duplessis welcomed everyone, announced birthdays, and highlighted “Shining Star, Shining Moments” reflecting on her adventures with Desk and Derrick.

President Duplessis reported:

- ADDC President Barbara Pappas’ and Southeast Region Director Susan Miller’s letters are in the bulletin and on the ADDC website.
- ADDC President Barbara Pappas is conducting a Southeast Region Presidents Meeting on December 1st. Angie will bring your concerns to the meeting.
- There were no corrections to the October Meeting Minutes; they will be filed
- October Treasurer’s report was reviewed. General Consent to accept the report; the report will be filed for audit.
- Board approved moving \$5,000 from General Fund to Checking account based on checking account balance.
- A donation has been made to the scholarship fund in memory of Zelda Gillan.

Vice President Glenda Gaither reported on correspondence sent and received.

2024 Southeast Region Director-Elect Angie Corvers, Baton Rouge Club, conducted Officer Installation, with a theme based on spices. She was assisted by Lois Folse, Baton Rouge.

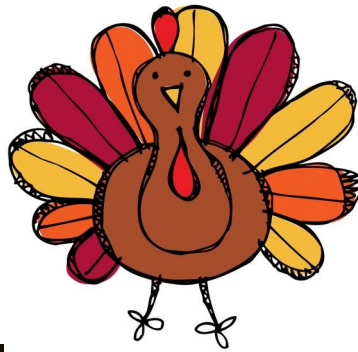
President Duplessis reported:

- November bulletin is posted on line; December 1st is deadline for next month.
- Holiday Social will be held on December 8th at Specialty Italian Bistro.
- total attendance was 19 members, 2 guests.
- membership is 29. Renewal forms will be sent out as soon as they are received from ADO. The 2024 dues will be subsidized as follows:
 - Member attends 8-10 meetings (\$70)
 - Member attends 5-7 meetings (\$50)
 - Member attends 3-4 meetings (\$30)
 - Member attends 0-2 meetings (\$0)
- Scholarship Forms are available online for 2024 Scholarships. Deadline: Student to Sponsor – March 1st; Sponsor to Scholarship Chairman – March 15th.
- No Meeting in December. January 24, 2024 will be our first meeting in the new year. Meal cost to members will be \$30. The club will pay the difference and the room setup fees and meal shortages..

Gaylen Guillory won \$53 with 50:50 drawing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

November Meeting: Officer Installation and a Couple Turkeys





Diane Johnson, Theresa Adams, Alice Gros, June Chiasson, and Susan Miller



Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank

Scholarship Guidelines

General Guidelines for All Applicants:

1. All applications shall be submitted through a Sponsor; sponsor must be an active Westbank Desk and Derrick Club member in good standing.
2. All applicants must submit completed, appropriate (High School or College) application form and all required documentation to Sponsor by March 1st.
3. All applicants must provide a letter or essay detailing intended field of study and educational and personal goals. Include information on any extracurricular activities, such as community service, clubs, hobbies, employment, etc.
4. All applicants must provide at least one (1) letter of recommendation from a school official, career counsellor, teacher, or professor on school or business letterhead.

Graduating High School Seniors:

1. Must provide copies of both GPA (minimum 2.75) and ACT scores (minimum 23) or equivalent SAT scores.
 - a. Scores must be provided on official documents (transcript and official test results) with student name.
2. Must provide a Letter of Acceptance from the college or university attending.

Current College Students:

1. Must provide proof of cumulative GPA (minimum 2.75).
 - a. Score must be provided on official school transcript with student name.

Incomplete applications or those received after the March 1st deadline will be disqualified.

Scholarship checks will be issued jointly to the scholarship recipient and the appropriate College/University. **Scholarship checks must be cashed within the 180-day time period per banking regulations or the funds will be forfeited.**

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank
Scholarship Sponsor Guidelines

Desk and Derrick Sponsor Responsibilities:

- a. The Desk and Derrick Sponsor must write and submit a letter to the committee detailing their **personal** knowledge of the applicant.
- b. This letter, the application, and all required documentation **MUST** be submitted to the Scholarship Chairman by March 15th.

- i. Email to: Scholarship Committee Chairman at gaylen.guillory@gmail.com or

- ii. Mail to:

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank

Scholarship Chairman

P. O. Box 2875

Gretna, LA 70054-2875.

All eligible Westbank Club members in good standing are encouraged to apply for the Scholarship.

Members may submit no more than two (2) applicants per year.

(Available only to members.)

We are now accepting applications for 2024 Scholarships.

Forms are available online at <http://westbankdandd.org/Scholarship.htm>.

Submit electronic files with all required documentation by stated deadlines.

Students (High School and College) must submit applications to the D&D sponsor by March 1st.

D&D sponsors must submit all material to Scholarship Chairman by March 15th.

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank
Scholarship Application - High School

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR SPONSOR FOR SUBMISSION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

College Accepted to: _____

Cumulative GPA _____ ACT/SAT Score: _____

Employer (if working): _____

Position: _____

Full Time: _____ Part Time: _____ Summer: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

(May include additional page(s) if needed.)

Letter(s) of Recommendation included: _____

Desk and Derrick Sponsor Signature: _____

All applications must be submitted via email or postmarked (USPS) with all required documentation (See Scholarship Guidelines) to Sponsor by March 1st.

Sponsor must submit application and all required documentation to Scholarship Committee Chairman no later than March 15th.

Incomplete and late applications will be disqualified.

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank

Scholarship Application – College

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR SPONSOR FOR SUBMISSION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

College Attending: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Credit Hours(#): _____ Full Time _____ Part Time _____

Employer (if working): _____

Position: _____

Full Time: _____ Part Time: _____ Summer: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

(may include additional page(s) if needed)

Letter(s) of Recommendation Included: _____

Desk and Derrick Sponsor Signature: _____

All applications must be submitted via email or postmarked (USPS) with all required documentation (See Scholarship Guidelines) to Sponsor by March 1st.

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December, 2023

I can't believe this is the last letter I will be writing as your Southeast Region Director. It has been a busy, trying year for sure and will get better, I know. This year has definitely been an eye-opening for me. This ADDC Board has worked diligently for you, the members, and we have accomplished a lot. The Zoom Meetings every month, and the Southeast Region Presidents Zoom Meetings every quarter were really an educational and a fulfilling experience. A big shout out to Barbara, who went beyond the call of duty, I admire your leadership, professionalism and friendship this year.

Congratulations to Angie Corvers, 2024 Southeast Region Director; Wendy Sparks, 2024 ADDC President; the 2024 ADDC Board; and all of the Southeast Region Presidents for 2024. I wish you all the best of luck and I know you all will do an outstanding job of leading the membership next year.

I want to congratulate my Southeast Region Presidents for all the hard work you have done this year. The Quarterly Zoom Meeting were very informative. I know, the numerous emails, and me emailing again to you for pertinent information that I requested. You all were really my "Shining Stars" this year and I will never forget that. With your families, jobs, etc. you all still found time for Desk and Derrick, we will survive these coming years ahead.

Thanks again to **ALL** the members of the Southeast Region for allowing me to serve as your Region Director and be in the same company as our Past Region Directors who have truly helped me this year.

I want everyone to have a VERY BLESSED MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR! AND FOR DESK AND DERRICK TO BE AROUND FOR ANOTHER 70 YEARS!!

That is my wish on my Star which may be dimming (a little) but it is still visible for everyone to see. Love you all and keep looking up at the Stars!

SUSAN



Note from Angie Corvers

Hello Everyone!

I am attaching the committee volunteer request form from 2024 ADDC President Wendy Sparks.

Please forward to your members and ask them to please consider volunteering to serve as a Region Rep. Please extend my appreciation to all who volunteer. (I'm told that I will automatically become the Region Rep for any committees without a volunteer. Yikes! I know our Southeast Region members won't let that happen.

Love to all!

Angie

ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS
2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Committee	Chairman	Board Contact	Shelby Hildebrand	Michelle Burgard	Angie Corvers	Heather Woods
			Northeast Region	Central Region	Southeast Region	West Region
STANDING						
Club Bylaws	Jodi Adams	Kelli Hibbard				
Guidelines Review	Jodi Adams	Kelli Hibbard				
Education/Certification	Philana Thompson	Wendy Sparks				
Finance Review*	Philana Thompson	Barbara Pappas				Heather Woods
Membership	Evelyn Green	Wendy Sparks				
Program	Kim Cadle	Wendy Sparks				
Public Relations	Helen Tujiko	Kathy Martin				Audra Horton
Rules	Diane Walker	Wendy Sparks				
Tax Exempt - US	Jennifer Smith	Sue Weaver				
Tax Exempt - CDN	Wanda Guenther	Sue Weaver				
SPECIAL						
Contest	Philana Thompson	Barbara Pappas				Cindy Garton
Leadership - Strategic Planning, Long Range Planning, GAME	Barbara Pappas	Wendy Sparks				
Marketing - Publications, Insight, Social Media, Trade Shows	Helen Tujiko	Kathy Martin				
Nominating*	Evelyn Green	Barbara Pappas				
Registrar Committee	Keith Atkins	Kelli Hibbard				Nicole Alley
Technology	Koohul Sucheckl	Barbara Pappas				
2024 GAC (Central)	Val Williams	Wendy Sparks				
2025 GAC (SE)	Evelyn Green/Sue Weaver	Kathy Martin				
2026 GAC (NE)	TBD	Wendy Sparks				

*Finance Review - Committee members should be chosen by ADDC President.



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December 2023

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

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

Back in the G.A.M.E.?

It has been a while since we heard anything about G.A.M.E. (Guidance And Mentoring Empowerment) and some of the goals that have been set out to help our members, clubs, regions, and Association retain and grow our membership. Instead of growing over the past few years, we have continued to decline, losing members and gaining very few new members.

We have survived many changes over the past 70+ years: the energy and allied industries; the companies that for decades supported ADDC and its goals; and the interests and needs of our members and potential members. Change is good, when the change is FOR good. Five years ago, the ADDC realigned the regions, consolidating seven to four. This was a good thing, but it wasn't the fix we hoped for in 2018.

Right now, we need to focus on retaining our members. How do we retain those who have 5, 10, or 20 years of membership? (I don't think we have to worry about losing those, like me, with over 32 years. We're in it forever.)

No one has all the answers, but things that any club can try:

- Keep members active and involved.
 - Try to get every member serving on a committee, as a chairman or committee member.
 - Ask members to be speakers or to arrange for a speaker at a monthly meeting.
- Provide incentives (if funds are available) for members.
 - Offer a free dinner once/year for Perfect Attendance
 - Subsidize all or part of annual dues
 - Reimburse a portion of Region Meeting or ADDC Convention registration
- Plan social activities that can include family and friends.

These are a few ideas that may help your club. Some clubs may already have great success in retention but are struggling to attract any new members. Maybe you can share some of your club's challenges and successes – or fails – with the 2024 ADDC Board or with Leadership Chairman Barbara Pappas. What worked for you may be something another club may also use successfully.

As we prepare to tackle the challenges in the new year, look at the positive aspects of the changes we face. Think back on the many changes we've survived since the beginning of ADDC in 1949. And think of how we can continue to change to meet the demands and needs of our current and future members.

The name of this initiative may be G.A.M.E. but this is not a game. This is real. Our future depends on being ready, willing, and able to adapt to the constant flux in our industries.

By Judi Adams (2012 ADDC President)

Recent Energy HeadlinesRecap of November 2023 News

11/2/2023 - Running low: US strategic oil reserve reaches lowest level in decades - Over 200 million barrels of crude oil have been pulled out by President Joe Biden since the beginning of last year — around 40% of what was stored. There are always a lot of stories about the price of gasoline, how it impacts your wallet and how it may impact your holiday travel. But the truth is, the story about the price of gasoline is also about politics because high prices can impact elections and can hurt economies. Things like hurricanes, high temperatures, and production in the Middle East and U.S. Midwest are all factors that can impact the price of gas. [Read Full Article](#)

11/3/2023 - Shell posts \$6.2 billion profit for third-quarter 2023 - Shell plc had third-quarter 2023 adjusted earnings of \$6.2 billion, up from \$5.1 billion in second-quarter 2023, reflecting robust operational performance and higher oil prices and refining margins. However, the figure decreased year-over-year. Shell plc had third-quarter 2023 adjusted earnings of \$6.2 billion, up from \$5.1 billion in second-quarter 2023, reflecting robust operational performance and higher oil prices and refining margins. However, this figure represented a notable decrease from the \$9.45 billion reported one year earlier, when the Russia-Ukraine conflict boosted oil and gas prices. The company will implement a \$3.5-billion share buyback program for the next 3 months. [Read Full Article](#)

11/14/2023 - IEA raises oil demand growth forecasts, flags possible 2024 surplus - The International Energy Agency (IEA) on Tuesday raised its oil demand growth forecasts for this year and next despite slower economic growth in nearly all major economies, although its 2024 outlook remains much lower than that of producer group OPEC. The Paris-based IEA said the market could shift into surplus at the start of 2024 having been kept in a "significant deficit" through year-end by voluntary cuts from Saudi Arabia and Russia which last until the end of December. [Read Full Article](#)

11/15/2023 - Australia's Karoon Energy to buy stakes in LLOG's offshore assets for \$720 mln - Nov 16 (Reuters) - Karoon Energy (KAR.AX) announced deals worth \$720 million on Thursday to buy stakes in certain offshore oil and gas fields in the Gulf of Mexico from U.S.-based LLOG Exploration, in a move to diversify operations beyond Brazil and Australia. The oil and gas explorer said it would raise around A\$480 million (\$312.43 million) to fund a 30% stake purchase in the Who Dat and Dome Patrol fields in offshore Louisiana and a near 16% stake buy in the Abilene field. [Read Full Article](#)

11/16/2023 - Oil and Gas Lease Sale 261 Scheduled for Dec. 20, 2023 - As a result of the order issued by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on Nov. 14, 2023, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has scheduled Lease Sale 261 for Dec. 20, 2023. The Gulf of Mexico oil and gas lease sale was originally scheduled for Sept. 27, 2023, and later scheduled for Nov. 8, 2023, in response to judicial orders. Pursuant to direction from the Court, BOEM will include lease blocks that were previously excluded due to concerns regarding potential impacts to the Rice's whale population in the Gulf of Mexico. BOEM will also remove portions of a related stipulation meant to address those potential impacts from the lease terms for any leases that may result from Lease Sale 261. [Read Full Article](#)

History – Women Who Impacted the Oil Industry by Judi Adams

Oil is the single most influential resource in modern history. It drives industrialization, it builds nations, and can decide the outcome of wars. It is responsible for raising millions of people out of poverty and for razing entire cities to the ground. Few, if any, industries have left as large a mark on Planet Earth, from technological advancements to environmental disasters.

The history of oil has been traced back as far as 3000 BC, when builders in Mesopotamia used bitumen to strengthen bricks. The story of the modern oil industry began in the 1850s. Since then, explorers, investors, kings, journalists, spies, and scientists have all attempted to leave their mark on the industry. These two women, for better or worse, are responsible for helping to shape the modern-day oil industry.

WANDA JABLONSKI

In Daniel Yergin's *The Prize*, he refers to Wanda Jablonski as "the most influential oil journalist of her time." She founded *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly*, the journal which came to be known as "the bible of the oil industry". But her remarkable journalism nor her legacy as a trailblazer for women in the industry that got her on this list. Wanda played a critical role in the formation of one of the world's most influential oil organizations: OPEC.

In 1959, tensions soared between international oil companies and oil-exporting countries. Russia had returned to international oil markets and supply was climbing faster than demand. The result was a price war that saw oil companies cut the posted price of oil - unilaterally reducing the national revenues of oil-exporting nations. At this time, the first Arab Oil Congress was taking place in Cairo. Wanda was one of the 400 people in attendance. She invited two of strongest anti-oil company individuals to a private meeting. This was the first time that Saudi Oil Minister Abdullah Tariki met Juan Pablo Perez Alfonso, Venezuela's Minister of Mines and Hydrocarbons. Her instincts were right as the two men immediately established a rapport. These men went on to organize a secret meeting with other oil ministers. It was at this meeting that the concept of an Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was first established.



Wanda and Abdullah Tariki, who became Saudi Arabia's first oil minister, with his horse at his home in Jeddah, 1954

IDA TARBELL

The history of the oil industry would not be complete without the woman who took on John D. Rockefeller, the wealthiest American of all time. Ida Tarbell was an investigative journalist determined to hold the oil industry to account. Every anti-trust lawsuit or environmental claim brought against the oil industry since her time is built on her legacy.



During her journalism career, Tarbell wrote biographies of both Napoleon and Lincoln, but is most famous for her 1904 book titled "The History of Standard Oil." The book was described as a "masterpiece of investigative journalism", detailing how Standard Oil used its wealth, power, and a vast intelligence network to put pressure on independents and other competitors. She wrote that Rockefeller had "systemically played with loaded dice" and painted him, in the words of Daniel Yergin, as an "amoral predator". Tarbell's work led to dissolution of the world's largest oil company and, in time, the birth of the U.S. oil majors that we know today.

U.S. Energy Leadership Key to National Security, Economic Strength and Climate Progress (api.org)

WASHINGTON, November 29, 2023 – American Petroleum Institute (API) Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy Officer Amanda Eversole today testified before a U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce subcommittee, highlighting the critical role of American energy leadership in strengthening national security, supporting economic prosperity and advancing innovation to accelerate climate progress.

“America’s vast energy resources are the foundation for security and economic prosperity, in this country and around the world,” Eversole said in submitted written testimony. “In a time of tremendous geopolitical uncertainty, American energy has been a reliable source of strength for our allies abroad and a foundational asset to developing nations working to escape energy poverty.”

Eversole highlighted how American innovation spurred the shale revolution, transforming the energy landscape in the U.S. Today, U.S. CO2 emissions from the domestic power sector have fallen to their lowest levels since the 1980s, and cleaner fuels have helped lower tailpipe pollutants by 99% since the 1960s.

“The shale revolution didn’t happen by accident. It was the product of innovation and investment that can only happen in a society of free markets, where government policies don’t suppress innovation and stand in the way of energy production,” Eversole said. “The U.S. oil and natural gas industry knows how to solve big and complex problems, and that is exactly what we will continue to do, with innovation leading the way.”

Eversole underscored how American energy is a stabilizing force. When Russia invaded Ukraine and upended global energy markets, the U.S. surged more than 800 LNG cargoes to Europe – a 141% increase over 2021.


“Lessons from the past match lessons from the present. Russia’s war against Ukraine – on the heels of a brutal pandemic – created new, frequently uncomfortable norms for energy and foreign policy,” Eversole said. “America must, to the greatest extent possible, lead on energy.” “American energy is writing a remarkable, game-changing chapter in the story of our nation’s future,” Eversole concluded. “If our nation’s leadership is to grow, Washington must enact policies that support increased oil and natural gas investment, exploration, and production as part of a balanced and reliable energy mix.”

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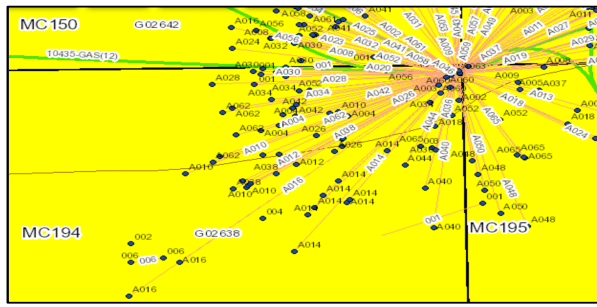
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Pecan Pie Cookies

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Prep	Total	Servings
35 MIN	1 HR 20 MIN	24



Ingredients

Cookie Base

- 1 pouch (17.5 oz) Betty Crocker™ Sugar Cookie Mix
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 egg

Pecan Pie Filling

- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup corn syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped pecan halves

Steps

- 1 Heat oven to 375°F. Grease 24 regular-size muffin cups with shortening; lightly flour.
- 2 In large bowl, mix Cookie Base ingredients with spoon until soft dough forms. Using rounded tablespoonfuls of dough, shape dough into 1 1/4 to 1 1/2-inch balls; place in muffin cups. With thumb, make indentation in center of each. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until light brown.
- 3 Meanwhile, in medium bowl, mix Pecan Pie Filling ingredients until well blended.
- 4 With end of wooden spoon, reshape indentations in center of each cookie to create 1 1/2-inch opening in partially baked cookie cups. Clean off end of wooden spoon with paper towel as needed. Stir filling to redistribute nuts; spoon 1 tablespoon filling into each cookie cup, stirring before filling each.
- 5 Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Cool 10 minutes in pan on cooling rack. Run knife around edge of each cookie cup to loosen. Cool completely in pan, about 30 minutes. Remove cookie cups from muffin cups.

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