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**“SPICE UP YOUR LIFE WITH DESK AND DERRICK!”** is my theme for 2024. Let’s add some spice to our club meetings.

I hope that the clubs in the Southeast Region are getting ready for an exciting and productive new year. To grow members and promote our Association, we need to look at the correlation between fossil fuel and green energy. We will need both, supporting each other, to create a more stable environment. I hope that our Association can be used to deliver this message to our local leaders and our communities. I am not sure how it will happen, but I do feel it needs to happen.

I was invited to install officers for the Westbank, Baton Rouge and New Orleans in November and December. I enjoyed each visit immensely.

It looks like we may be able to have our Virtual Region Meeting in April. Lois and I are looking at either April 13th or 20th. I will be sending a note out shortly asking the Presidents for their date preference. We will have an “in person” meeting on Thursday, September26th in conjunction with the ADDC Convention.

There are still several committee chairs that need a chairman for our Region. I will send the list out to the presidents again, to solicit volunteers.

The 2024 Budget and Planning Meeting will be held on January 27th, 2024. Please advise if you have something that needs to be added to the budget.

Happy New Year! I wish all the best for each of you in 2024.

Love,

Angie