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Tri-State Desk and Derrick

Editor's Musings

It's January already. A time of new beginnings and a time often marked with resolutions to start or stop a habit or activity we hope will improve our lives. I learned from a recent night of watching Hallmark movies that the month of January is named for the mythical Roman god Janus who is often depicted as having two faces—one looking back and one looking forward. According to Wikipedia, the Romans worshiped Janus as the god of all beginnings, gates, transitions, time, change, duality, doorways, passages, and endings.



As you look back at the happenings in the year just ended and begin planning for the year ahead, what do you hope to see happening in your personal or professional life? What do you plan to do to help make that happen? What do you hope to gain from your membership in Desk and Derrick? What do you plan to do to help make that happen?

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ADDC Membership

Happy New Year! I am very excited and proud to be serving you as your 2024 ADDC President.

I want to start by saying THANK YOU to those that have stepped up and committed to be our committee chairs this year! Several chairs are carrying over from last year, so we will have some experience at the helm. Thank you to al the Past Presidents as well that are helping to fill those positions!

Our 2024 Region Directors are looking for region reps to fill the committee positions. I think this is a great place to start to become more active in Desk and Derrick. These committees usually don't take up much time during the month and it is a way to learn something new! Please reach out to Michelle Burgard (Central), Shelly Hildebrand (NE), Angie Corvers (SE), or Heather Woods (West) and ask them how you can help!

The ADDC Budget and Planning Meeting will be held via Zoom on January 27, 2024. This is where we plan for the year and brainstorm on ways to save the Association money. If you have any questions or ideas, please reach out to your Region Directors, and let them know before that date! They will be giving us updates.

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does"
-William James

Sincerely,
Wendy Sparks



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Happy New Year!!

Let's hope this year is a great year for the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs!

If you have not done so already, please send me your new club officers form for 2024. Especially club presidents' emails so that I can communicate with you easier.

Those of you that don't know me – I am a member of the TriState Club, and former member of the Bay Area Desk and Derrick Club (BADD) of Michigan. This is my fourth time as Region Director – twice in Region II and twice in Northeast Region. Believe me when I say, each time has been a learning experience, and one that I would not take back! Anyone can step up and help lead this great association – please think about it for 2025.

Budget and planning meeting will be held via Zoom on January 27th. If you have any questions or suggestions for this year's board – please do not hesitate to let me know! We cannot grow as a group without input from our members.

Looking for committee reps for the Northeast region on all committees except the Program Committee. Cheryl Grimm has graciously volunteered for that position. The jobs aren't hard, and most everything is handled by email these days. If you are interested – let me know. If I can't get the positions filled, that means I will have to be the rep – and that's on top of being Director!! Help!!

Make sure that membership renewals are sent into your club treasurer, who will then send them on to ADO. Membership apps and dues are due by February 28, 2024.

I'm looking forward to getting to know more of you and hope we can have lots of attendees for our 2024 Northeast Region meeting in Pennsylvania in May!

Shelly Hildebrant
 2024 Northeast Region Director

Promoting Employment in the Oil and Gas Industry to a New Generation

Author: Donna L. Hartig

While searching the internet for articles related to the oil and gas industry for this issue of the Tri-State News, I found an article about how Howard Hamm is actively promoting working in the oil and gas industry to what's called generation "Z" (people ages 12-27). First, I had to look up Howard Hamm and his involvement in the industry. Born in Lexington, Oklahoma, in 1945, Howard Hamm is the 13th and youngest child of a cotton sharecropper---certainly not a very auspicious beginning. Fast forward to February 4, 2022, Howard Hamm's net worth was estimated to be US \$49.3 billion, making him the 63rd wealthiest person in the world. How did that happen? In 1967, Hamm founded Shelly Dean Oil Company, which would later become Continental Resources. Continental pioneered the development of the Bakken oil field in North Dakota and Montana using horizontally drilled wells and hydraulic fracturing. While Wikipedia did not list any personal academic achievements for Mr. Hamm, they did list several honorary degrees he has been awarded in recognition of his business expertise and, of course, his financial support totaling millions of dollars to those various institutions.



Now that we're established Howard Hamm is well acquainted with the oil and gas industry, let's get back to the story. Hamm and other industry leaders are concerned that climate concerns and job insecurity have diminished the attractiveness of working in the oil and gas industry to college graduates and skilled trades-people as evidenced by the fall in the number of applicants for petroleum engineering and related courses in the US and Europe. Mr. Hamm is quoted as saying: "We are going to be using oil for the next 50 years and "clean burning" natural gas probably for the next 100 or 150 years...we want to get the next generation of game-changers involved." Like a number of other industry leaders including ExxonMobil, Chevron, Shell, and BP, who have been actively seeking to lure more young people to the oil and gas sectors with scholarships, apprenticeships and job readiness programs, Mr. Hamm recently donated fifty million dollars to establish the Hamm Institute for American Energy at Oklahoma State University.



All these efforts are being generated to support the industry against heightened public concerns about climate change which is causing a backlash against the oil and gas industries on some college campuses, particularly in Europe. Ms. Jennifer Miskimins, head of petroleum engineering at the Colorado School of Mines was quoted as saying: "[Students have] been told for a very long time that oil and gas is going away, and they're concerned about having long-term careers."

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Not only is the negative perception of the oil and gas industry affecting people seeking a college degree applicable in the oil and gas sector, skilled trades people, such as welders, rig workers and heavy equipment operators who are essential to keeping oil and gas flowing, are also in short



supply. Mike Rowe, the TV personality who hosts “It’s a Dirty Job” and who also runs a vocational education foundation, was quoted as saying “for decades society has persistently downgraded non-graduate level education. We have a whole generation of kids who don’t believe you can make six figures, working with your hands...but this isn’t true.” According to Mr. Rowe, his foundation has trained

approximately seven hundred welders and most of them make six figures.

Does all this sound familiar? Promoting an increase in college students pursuing degrees in petroleum engineering, geology and other petroleum related careers is essential to the energy industry, but it is equally important that we promote and develop the hands-on

skills needed in the field. The Tri-State Club’s scholarship program is directly aimed at combating the perception that everyone needs a college degree to be successful in life. Our industry, as well as the rest of society,



needs workers with skills that can’t be learned by reading a book. Electricians, welders, semi-drivers, heavy equipment operators, etc. are all essential not only to our industry but to society in general. I know I want someone who knows how to install an electrical panel, if I need one, versus watching a video in order to do it myself. How about you?



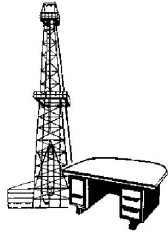
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A new year and another great opportunity to continue our educational programs and fundraising events for our scholarship program. I hope everyone is excited for the year to come. Please feel free to always reach out to anyone on the Board with ideas or questions that you might have.

I would like to take a minute to thank the members that stepped up into positions on the Board. I look forward to working with you guys this year.

Our Christmas party on December 12th at the CountryMark Pavilion was lightly attended but we had a great time playing games, eating lots of yummy food and exchanging gifts. I hope everyone had a great time and those that couldn't make it will be able to make it this year.

If you have any ideas on speakers for any of the meetings, please reach out to myself or Alesia.

Please don't forget to turn in your membership renewal forms. If you did not receive your renewal, please let me know. These are due in February.

The dues are \$60 total. (\$55 for ADDC, \$2 for Region, \$3 for club)
Please make your check payable to Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club and mail to me at:

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Our next meeting is scheduled for January 18th at the CountryMark Pavilion.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily VanHaften





Tri-State's 2023 Christmas Party



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The Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club was chartered in 2012 by the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs for the purpose of educating its members and the general public about the petroleum and allied energy industries and their contributions to society. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Membership is open to persons employed in or retired from the petroleum, energy and allied industries as well as individuals interested in increasing their knowledge about these industries. For more information about the Tri-State Club, contact Pres. Emily VanHaften, 1223 East 3rd Street, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620 812-781-1751
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January Birthdays

Shannon Loker 1-7

Harrison Cash 1-13

Jess Rowe 1-22

