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**March 2024**

**Editor's Musings**

It's that time of year again when we "spring forward" at 2:00 AM on Sunday March 10th. Of course, most of us don't stay up just to change the clocks but make the adjustment before we go to bed on Saturday night. Regardless, that one hour just disappeared until we get it back next fall. Supposedly, there is the possibility Congress will pass a bill to eliminate Daylight Savings Time, but don't hold your breath waiting for that to happen.

This year, March has a myriad of special days and events crammed into its 31 days. In addition to switching to Daylight Savings Time, we'll be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, the official beginning of Spring, and Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter. Oh, I left out the Tri-State Meeting on March 21st and the Ides of March on the 15th. I'm not sure why we celebrate the assignation of Julius Caesar, but it's on the calendar and who could pass up getting to say "et tu Brute" and sounding like they know a lot about Shakespeare.

You know how when you are looking for something, searching everywhere you think you might have stored it, and instead of finding what you are looking for you find something you weren't looking for and had forgotten all about? That's what happened yesterday when I was looking for three Confirmation cards I bought last year knowing I would need them this year. You're right, I still haven't found them, but I did find a list of "Quotable Quotes" and thought you might enjoy hearing some of them:

"Now and then it's good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy"  
Quoted in *The Cockle Bur*

"One thought driven home is better than three left on base" Henry David Thoreau

"Spring is wonderful. It makes you feel young enough to do all the things you're old enough to know you can't" Franklin P. Jones in *Quote Magazine*

On a more serious note, please keep those affected by the wildfires in Texas and Oklahoma in your prayers. I haven't heard of any D&D members or former members directly affected, but we have Desk and Derrick Clubs in the Texas panhandle cities of Amarillo, and Pampa. Just like in the Tri-State Club, members of those clubs live in a wide area surrounding those locations.

Donna L. Hartig, Editor



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**ADDC Membership**

I hope where you live it is starting to look like Spring. I know in Oklahoma we have had a crazy roller coaster of temperature's the last few months and probably can look forward to some crazy weather in the next couple.

March is Desk and Derrick Awareness month. There are a variety of ways you can help people be more aware of Desk and Derrick. You can ask your local newspaper or another oil and gas publication to put in a small advertisement. Make it the goal of the clubs to invite one or two new people to a meeting. Invite people that never come to meetings but are members. Find creative ways to give information to members and guests about Desk and Derrick. The Oklahoma City Club has done skits (I'm SURE we could share our script with you!) and Family Feud! You can talk about things that are industry related. Many times, we add information about our region and ADDC. I learn something new each year!

We have finalized the budget and will be getting that information out to the members soon! Presidents-It is more important than ever to make sure that the membership renewals are sent to ADO as soon as possible. This is our biggest revenue stream and will set the tone for the year. Please note that these must be in by your regional meeting for your club to have a vote and be in good standing!

The Rules Committee Chair, Diana Walker, has sent out a letter and form giving information about the submission for Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules Amendments. This deadline is March 1, 2024. If you have any questions, you can contact her at [DWalker@sjoc.net](mailto:DWalker@sjoc.net).

Region Directors are starting to work on their meeting packets. Congratulations to Central Region Director Michelle Burgard and the Great Bend Club for being the first!! These will be posted on the website as they are finished. With that said...PLEASE make sure you have permission to use all photographs in the packet with photo credentials given. This is an absolute must.

Please access the ADDC website as often as you can. Also, if you have changes that need to be made to your information, you can update at your convenience. [www.addc.org](http://www.addc.org),

Sincerely,  
*Wendy Sparks*



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Can you believe that spring is only a few weeks away? ! Where has the time gone this year? Easter will be here at the end of the month, and hopefully the snow will be gone!

Budget and Planning meeting was held over Zoom. Your Board accomplished quite a lot. Any questions, please contact me.

March is "Desk and Derrick Awareness Month". Is your club planning anything special? Maybe a write-up in your local paper about our organization? A special meeting? Let me know what you are doing. Spread the word about our organization so that we can grow with new members.

Registration packet for the Northeast Region meeting in Canonsburg/Houston, Pennsylvania May 16-18<sup>th</sup> have been sent to club presidents. The field trip sounds exciting, and the ice breaker should be a fun time! I can't wait!! Hope many of you plan on attending!

Still looking for committee reps for ADDC Committees. Need reps for Club Bylaws, Education/Certification, Membership, Public Relations, Leadership, Marketing and Technology committees. Thanks you to those who have so graciously volunteered so far! I appreciate you!

Until next month ---

*Shelly Hildebrand*  
2024 Northeast Region Director



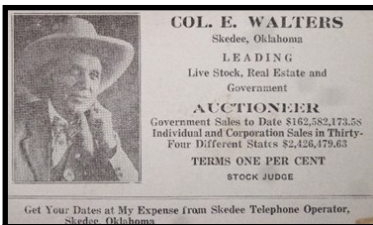
## Oil Ties to a 2024 Oscar Nomination for Best Picture

By Donna L. Hartig

Unless you've been living off the grid for the past year, you've most likely seen the advertisements for, and possibly have been to the theatre to see, one of the 2024 Oscar nomination for Best Picture entitled "Killer of the Flower Moon". But just in case you haven't, the movie is based on a 1920's real life tragedy created out of racism, greed and corruption involving the Osage Indian tribe in northern Oklahoma and the wealth generated by oil on their reservation.

Oil was originally discovered on the Osage reservation in the 1880's, but production didn't take off until about 1907. Members of the Osage nation owned the oil rights collective and divided the proceeds among themselves through what is known as "headrights." Each member of the tribe owned one headright, and it was hereditary meaning it was passed along to a deceased allottee's immediate legal heir. The flaw in the system was that the immediate legal heir did not have to be an Osage to inherit an Osage headright. That premise sets the stage for the story line depicted in the movie.

Let's back up a bit. In 1912, the Osage nation engaged an auctioneer named Colonel Elmer Ellsworth Walters to auction mineral rights from their petroleum-rich reservation in 160-acre blocks.



Get Your Dates at My Expense from Skedee Telephone Operator, Skedee, Oklahoma.

Newspaper ad courtesy of Colonel Walters' great-great-granddaughter Hope Litvinoff. Her grandmother in 1926 helped unveil a statue in Skedee, Oklahoma, honoring Walters and the chief of the Osage Nation.

The auctions took place in the shade of what became known as the "Million Dollar Elm" situated between the Osage council house and the county courthouse in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. The bidders for the leases were a who's who of leading Oklahoma independent producers. According to



In the early 1920s, Colonel E.E. Walters stood in the shade of a soon famous Elm tree to auction mineral leases, including a \$2 million bid for a single 160-acre Osage lease. Detail from a photo in *Oil! Titan of the Southwest* by Carl Coke Rister, 1949

E.W. Marland biographer, John J. Mathews quotes one impressed onlooker: "*You could stand on the edge of the crowd and see two or three of the biggest names in America squatting there on the grass, as common as an old shoe; and when they raised their hands, it meant millions. That's a fact!*"

Osage mineral leases earned royalties that were paid to the tribe as a whole with each allottee receiving one equal share or headright of the payment based on headrights from a 1906 tribal population count. With the help of Colonel Walters skills as an auctioneer and the subsequent royalties from the leases he auctioned off, the Osage became the richest people in the world.

That kind of riches brings out the worst in humanity, and so it did for the Osage. Estimates vary, but at least 24 Osage Indians died violent or suspicious deaths during the early 1920's when con men, bootleggers and murderers began a "Reign of Terror" for the nation. One of the worst was William K. Hale who was accused of repeatedly orchestrating murders of Osage people. He was tried four different times, and finally convicted of a single murder.

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Sadly, at the time, most Oklahoma news media ignored the reservation's murders and the murderers. Newspapers in Oklahoma and around the country instead featured scandalous stories of incredible Osage wealth squandered on Pierce-Arrows and gaudy fashion. While Osage Indians were dying, reporters mocked the tribe with sarcasm and caricatures.

As a result of the Osage murders, on February 27, 1925, the U.S. Congress passed the "Osage Indians Act of 1925" which prohibits non-Osages from inheriting headrights of tribal members with half or more Native American ancestry. According to the **Osage Nation**, in 2022 "approximately 26 percent of all headrights are owned by non-Osage individuals, churches, universities and other non-Osage institutions who can freely bequeath such interests to any person or entity the non-Osage chooses."

On a positive note, on April 22, 1926, hundreds gathered in Walter's longtime home in Skedee, Oklahoma, for the dedication of a 25-foot "Bond of Friendship" monument. The bronze painted monument depicts Osage Chief (phonetically) Wah-she-hah and Colonel Walters shaking hands.



Chief Wah-she-hah's name translates Star-That-Travels but history and visitors to the Skedee statue remember him as Chief Bacon Rind. At one time Chief Bacon Rind, (a statuesque man at six feet four inches,) was among the most photographed of all Native Americans. Chief Bacon Rind died in 1932 and Walters followed in 1946. The tall but well-weathered monument remains in the center of town.

Walters, an amateur poet, had his hopes for the future carved into the base of his hometown's monument:

*...I will build for them a landmark,  
That the coming race may see  
All the beauties of the friendship,  
That exists 'tween them and me...  
And explain it to grandchildren,  
As they sit upon their knee.*

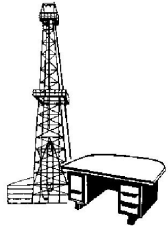


Osage Chief Bacon Rind and Colonel E.E. Walters in an undated photo

Source: [American Oil & Gas Historical Society \(aoghs.org\)](http://American Oil & Gas Historical Society (aoghs.org))



**As a side note, the Oscars will be held this coming Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.**



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One day closer to Spring! I know I am looking forward to the warmer weather, especially after we have had a few beautiful days these past few weeks. Flowers are starting to bloom and trees are budding. I always look forward to this time of year.

We will be having a booth at the IOGA Convention in Evansville, IN on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a 50/50 drawing with our winnings going towards the scholarship program. We will also be giving away a bottle of liquor as an additional incentive this year.

Our Spring porkloin fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>. I will let everyone know as soon as the date gets put in stone.

Our scholarship application is now available, please send this out to all your contacts. We always appreciate the help to get the word out.

If you plan to attend the NE Region Meeting in May, please let me know as soon as possible.

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

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 21, 2024, at 5:30PM as a WebEx meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily VanHaften





**Tristate Desk and Derrick Club  
February 15, 2024, Minutes**



The February meeting was held at LRA Consulting, LLC, Princeton, IN on February 15, 2024. The following members were present: Emily VanHaaften, Alesia Cato, Debbie Kennard, and Kathy Lloyd. Attending via Web ex: Jennifer Birkner and Donna Hartig.

President Emily VanHaaften called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes of January 18, 2024, were published in the newsletter. President VanHaaften asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Kathy Lloyd made the motion to approve the minutes as published, seconded by Alesia Cato, motion carried.

President VanHaaften read the financial report emailed by Treasurer Jennifer Birkner. Kathy Lloyd made the motion to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit. Alesia Cato seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Under Old Business:**

Reminder of the upcoming Northeast Region Meeting scheduled May 16<sup>th</sup> thru May 18<sup>th</sup>. Regional Director Shelly Hildebrant would like to know who will be attending. Emily VanHaaften has been appointed delegate.

President VanHaaften gave an update on membership renewals. Thirty-three (33) have been turned in which consists of three (3) new members, Sara Hibbs, Coty Slyter, and Jeff Thompson. Still waiting on a few regulars. Will be sending out a reminder.

Confirmation from Shelly Hildebrant that it is okay to set up an email for the club. President VanHaaften is going to set up this weekend. Wanting to use [TSDD@gmail.com](mailto:TSDD@gmail.com). Will let the members know once the account is created.

Michael Nelligan emailed an updated scholarship application. Went over last month and made a few changes. The scholarship committee went over the application, and said it was good. Time to make the application available to applicants.

Pork Loin fundraiser is set for April 19, 2024. Will do one pork loin fundraiser in 2024. Working with John Girot. Possibly taking two days to cook this year. Micheal will provide an update as plans are finalized.

IOGA convention, March 4<sup>th</sup> – March 6<sup>th</sup>, Evansville Convention Center. Set up Sunday evening and Monday morning. Exhibit to open Monday at noon. Emily needs help at the booth. Donna Hartig will help on Tuesday at 8 a.m. Giveaways consist of pizza cutters and jar openers. Will have information available regarding the Pork Loin fundraiser and the scholarship application. The club is going to add a drawing for a giveaway this year. President VanHaaften will purchase. Attendees will use their business cards for the drawing. Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> is the Post Convention Workshop.

**New Business:**

No new business to discuss currently.

Alesia Cato organized the program for the evening. President VanHaaften gave the presentation on the Hamm Institute for American Energy. A handout was distributed and viewed video. Discussion of a book published by Harold Hamm.

Next meeting will be March 21, 2024. No meeting place confirmed at this time. Will send information out with monthly invitation and reminder.

Debbie Kennard made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Donna Hartig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Kennard  
Secretary

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*Happy March Birthday to:*  
*Sandra McCully 3/6*  
*LeeAnn Staley 3/8*  
*Jordan Tate 3/19*

