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**Editor's Musings**

Is anyone reading this newsletter? I haven't heard a response—positive or negative—to anything in the last two issues of the Tri-State News and only one response to the last three. Even my husband finds it hard to find time to read the articles. I can understand why he's not enthusiastic about reading the letters from the ADDC officers, but I had hoped he might want to know what I have to say especially when sometimes what I write mentions him.

Now that I've got that off my chest, here's something I think is important concerning our Association. President Wendy Sparks' August letter talks about a major change in the composition of the ADDC Board in that discussions are underway concerning eliminating the Regions and their respective Region Directors and replacing the current four members on the Board with one member who would be called "Club Liaison". I understand this measure is intended to cut the Association's costs for Board members to attend Convention and with our declining membership it means revenue is also declining. Eliminating Region Directors and the Regions would also eliminate hosting Region Meetings and the need to find all the volunteers needed from each region to serve on the various standing and special ADDC committees. I'm not sure what the ramifications would be for hosting future Conventions. Nevertheless, in my estimation, doing away with the Regions is taking us one step closer to the eventual (and seemingly inevitable) demise of the Association.

This proposed change will be a major topic of discussion at the upcoming Convention and President Emily needs to hear the Tri-States' thoughts on the subject prior to attending. At this time, the plan is to only discuss the proposed amendment to the ADDC ByLaws and only vote on having the Clubs submit a MAIL VOTE following Convention to approve or disapproving the amendment .

How do you feel about this proposed change and do you have any comments on the implied consequences should it be approved? With the upcoming Golf'n Grub, Emily has a lot on her plate; but with that in the "books", she needs your participation at Tri-State's September remote meeting to be prepared to share our collective thoughts on this matter at Convention.

Donna L. Hartig, Editor

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**ADDC Membership**

We are counting down the days to the Convention in Dallas, Texas. Val Williams, Pat Blanford, Lone Star Club and the Central Region have been working hard! All clubs have stepped up financially and are willing to take ownership of an event which has made the planning process go so much smoother!

We have 80 members registered for the convention so far! We have a goal to hit 100 registered so if you are on the fence about coming... Just do it!

POSTMARKED on or before 8/31/2024 \$250

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POSTMARKED on or after 9/11/2024 \$350

We will have 5 amendments to vote on at the Convention and one item to vote on after Convention if a mail vote will be allowed. Please discuss with your clubs where you stand on these issues so that you can send your Delegates informed.

Hope to see you all in Dallas this month!

*"The measure of intelligence is the ability to change." —  
Albert Einstein*

Sincerely,  
*Wendy Sparks*



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Can you believe that there are only 4 more months of this year?! Where has the time gone? It seems like the older I get the faster time flies by.

Convention is coming soon!! I sure hope you got your registration in and are planning to have a wonderful time in Dallas! I know I am! There will be fun times and educational times and we will be voting on the proposed amendments. I'm sure we will make the best decisions for the future of our organization.

Schools are getting back into session – please be careful around school zones and school buses. Our children are our most precious gifts – let's do our part to keep them safe.

Looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends at Convention!

Until next month ---

*Shelly Hildebrand*

## Could My Personal Information Be for Sale on the Dark Web?

Author: Donna L. Hartig

As reported in an 8/15/24 article in USA Today by Emily Delettter, the law firm Schubert Jonckheer & Kolbe has filed a class-action lawsuit with the U.S. District Court in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, alleging the hacking group USDoD has stolen 2.9 billion personal records from National Public Data, a Florida based background check company. The data breach allegedly happening around April 2024 and included names, address histories, relatives and Social Security numbers dating back at least three decades for citizens of the U.S., U.K. and Canada.

According to the article, the cybersecurity and technology news site Bleeping Computer has reported other bad actors have posted different copies of the data with some offering the data for sale for as much as \$3.5 million while others have leaked it for free.

That kind of information sounds very scary, but you can take action to help prevent becoming a victim of identity theft.

If you suspect your information may have been stolen or has appeared on the dark web, Money.com recommends taking the following steps to prevent fraud or identity theft:

- Make sure your antivirus is up to date and perform security scans on all your devices. If you find malware, most antivirus programs should be able to remove it, but in some cases, you may need professional help.
- Update your passwords for bank accounts, email accounts and other services you use, and make sure they are strong and different for every account. Include uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and punctuation marks, and never use personal information that a hacker could guess.
- Use multi-factor authentication for any accounts or services that offer it to ensure you are the person logging in.
- Check your credit report and report any unauthorized use of your credit cards. If you notice any suspicious activity, you can ask credit bureaus to freeze your credit.
- Be careful with your email and social media accounts, and beware of phishing, an attempt to get your personal information by misrepresenting who a message or email is from.

## **Should I Go to the Trouble to Freeze My Credit?**

Author: Donna L. Hartig

After reading about the data breach at National Public Data (NPD) that could potentially make my credit vulnerable, I read an article by Megan Cerullo with CBS News about freezing my credit. Even though it sounded simple, it can take some time to get it all accomplished for you and your spouse as you are both a risk separately and collectively. Even though I can access my credit score through my credit card company, I thought I should check it out.

There are three major credit bureaus, Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. It was very easy to sign up for a free account with Experian. However, Equifax wanted my full Social Security number and Equifax wouldn't accept my application for a free account unless I agreed to receive advertising for their other services and from their associates. I don't need more spam in my email.

Regardless, freezing your credit is one of the best ways to combat identity theft — and it is free to do. Security experts are advising all Americans to take a few minutes to complete what they deem an essential step in protecting their credit files in a day and age when cybersecurity breaches are becoming increasingly common.

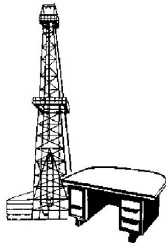
### **Why should I freeze my credit?**

On Friday August 16th, NPD confirmed a security incident that it said, "may have involved some of your personal information." It urged the public to take a number of steps to safeguard their identities, including freezing their credit. "A credit freeze means potential creditors cannot get your credit report. That makes it less likely that an identity thief can open new accounts in your name," NPD said.

Freezing your credit will prevent bad actors from taking out loans, opening credit cards or making any other transactions that might require a credit check in your name. To be sure, if a legitimate party needs to run a credit check and they are unable to do so, they'll likely contact you, at which point you can lift the freeze. "If someone tries to run it, and it's a valid thing, they'll say, 'Your credit file is locked, can you unlock it?' The whole thing about locking your credit is you don't want people who are not authorized to have access to it."

### **How do I freeze my credit?**

Go directly to the respective websites of each of the credit bureaus. Create a username and password in order to log in to your account. Once you have an account, you'll have the ability to click a button and freeze your credit. Once the account is open, it really is that simple. It was opening the accounts that I found a bit difficult.



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Fall is right around the corner and Mother Nature has been teasing us with some cooler nights. Fall is my favorite season with all the changing colors and beautiful sunsets.

Not much to report this month – 2024 ADDC Convention is coming up in Dallas, TX on September 24-28<sup>th</sup>. Shelly Hildebrant and myself will be attending and representing Tri State as the delegate and alternate.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri State Desk and Derrick Energy Industry Appreciation Golf ‘n Grub will be held next Friday in Mt. Carmel, IL. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the event and hopefully the cooler weather this year. SignUp Genius has been sent out for members to sign up when they are available to help on the day of the event.

Our next meeting will be a virtual meeting to cover all the items that are going to be discussed and voted on at the convention at the end of the month. If you would like to be caught up about changes in the association, please get on this call so you can voice your opinions/concerns.

Please let Alesia Cato or myself know if you have any ideas for speakers or programs for the monthly meetings. Preview for the rest of the year; hopefully the rest of the year we will have in person meetings – October will be follow up for ADDC Convention on the changes and items that get voted in and review of the golf scramble. November will be our Election meeting and December will be our Christmas party!

Respectfully submitted,

Emily VanHaften





## Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club August 15, 2024, Minutes



The August meeting was held virtually. The following members were present: Emily VanHaaften, Debbie Kennard, Jennifer Birkner, Michael Nelligan, Stacey Dover, Donna Hartig, Gary Hartig, Ryan Masterson, and Jess Rowe. President Emily VanHaaften called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

Minutes of the July 18, 2024, were published in the Tri-State newsletter. President Emily VanHaaften asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Ryan Masterson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Michael Nelligan, motion carried.

Treasurer Jennifer Birkner read the financial report. Donna Hartig made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Debbie Kennard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Under Old Business**

President Emily VanHaaften stated the main topic for discussion is the 5th Annual Tri-State Desk and Derrick Energy Industry Appreciation Golf 'n Grub to be held September 13, 2024 at the Mt. Carmel Municipal Golf Course. Registration has been emailed to associations and attendees from last year's event. Have three (3) teams signed up. Waiting to hear back from six (6) potential teams. Only four (4) have lunch for the lunch. Have three (3) picnic sponsors, one (1) ice sponsor, one (1) breakfast sponsor. Will send out Sign-up Genius for volunteers for set up, tear down and serve the meal.

Beth Etzkorn has secured Beer Bone BBQ to cater lunch. Beer Bone BBQ has requested a 50% down payment and cannot stay to serve the meal due to previous commitment later in the day. Michael Nelligan is handling the Industry Appreciation Award. Contact Michael if you have someone you would like to nominate for this year's award.

This year we will have drawings for at least five (5) baskets. Contact Emily VanHaaften if you have any ideas for the basket themes. Would like to try something different this year regarding the raffle tickets. President VanHaaften presented an example of tickets used at another Chinese Auction she attended. Twenty-five tickets per page with the same number on all tickets. This will keep the attendees from having to keep track of multiple numbers as in the past. Can purchase a pack containing 2000 sheets, and tickets are perforated. Sell the sheets for \$20. Decided to try it for one year to see how it goes.

President VanHaaften reported the 529 Education Contribution has been made for three (3) of the children of the Robert Lauer. Once the baby is born, the remaining contribution will be made.

Additional clarification on Convention expenses was discussed for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate. Questions included what the club will pay, what expenses the Region Fund will pay for the Region Directors to attend convention and estimated expenses. Per the by-laws, Tri-State Desk and Derrick will pay expenses for the Delegate. The Alternate Delegate can submit unpaid expenses, and if the funds are available a vote will be held on the reimbursement amount.

President VanHaaften was asked by John Giroto about the Fall Pork Loin Fundraiser. Discussed at a previous meeting not to do the Fall fundraiser since Mr. Giroto will be recovering from surgery. Michael Nelligan will reach out to Mr. Giroto to let him know that we are not having the Fall Pork Lion Fundraiser.

Donna Hartig noted the ADDC President's August letter referenced information which was sent out regarding discussion of a new ADDC Board position called "Club Liaison" which would replace the current four Region Directors and eliminate the Regions. President VanHaaften will follow up on this and report back at our September meeting.

Discussed rotating monthly meetings between lunch and evening meetings. Will post September meeting information in the next newsletter.

Ryan Masterson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Donna Hartig seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kennard, Secretary

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8 	9	10		12	13	14
15 	16	17	18	19 Tri-State Meeting 	20 	
22 First Day Autumn 	23 	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

*Stacee Dover 9/15*

*Travis Thompson 9/23*

