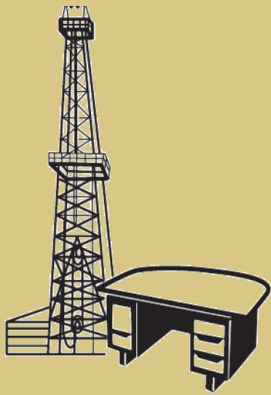


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## Sleigh Bells and Oil Wells:

### Unwrapping the “WONDERS” of Christmas and Petroleum

It's that time of year! We are all busy decorating our houses and buying presents for our family. In the midst of the hustle and bustle, petroleum products play a key role in making our holiday wishes come true.

The majority of the products you'll purchase this holiday season, including toys, decorations, electronics and clothing are all derived from petroleum products.

Let's unwrap a few:

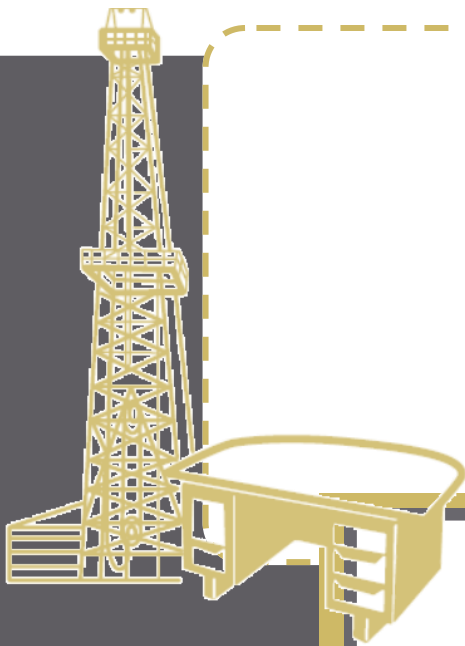
**Holiday Decorations:** Artificial trees are made of PVC plastic for durability and fire retardant properties, they are reused year after year. Ornaments and LED string lights are made with plastic. Also, adhesive tape, wrapping paper, tinsel, ribbon, stockings, Santa costumes and artificial wreaths to name a few.

**Holiday Travel:** Traveling to see your loved ones whether by planes, trains, automobiles, or bus, all transportation requires petroleum products.

**Holiday Toys:** Dolls, balls, toy cars, model trains, toy soldiers and more are all made of plastic. Also video game consoles, TVs, cell phones, computers, cameras, and drones. If you are purchasing sports equipment such as footballs, yoga mats, golf balls, fishing rods, basketballs, golf bags and more, they are made of petroleum products.

**Holiday Get-togethers:** Preparing those delicious meals needs petroleum and natural gas to get the job done. Hosting family and friends requires more than just food such as heating, cooling, mattresses, pillows, trash bags, kitchenware and much, much more.

As we're celebrating this season, let's remember to add oil and natural gas to our list of many blessings for this holiday season! **Merry Christmas!!**



## 2024 Board of Directors

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**Monthly Board Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month in the office of Eagle Oil & Gas Co. at Noon. All members are invited to attend.**

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### Club Purpose

The Purpose of the club shall be to promote the educational and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy and allied industries, and to educate the general public about these industries.

### Club Motto

Greater Knowledge—Greater Service

### Official Colors

Black and Gold

### From the Editors:

#### **HO HO HO!! Merry Christmas!**

This issue of the Dateline is filled with all sorts of Christmas goodies!

In our Fuel for Thought features Christmas lights. As we decorate our home or drive around town looking at the different Christmas displays, just remember that oil and natural gas helped create those beautiful displays.

Our From the Derrick Floor is about Christmas trees in the oilfield. Even though we get to see those as a permanent “tree” on our leases, it is hard to see one and not think about our holiday Christmas trees.

As we are going merrily through the holiday season, don’t forget to try a candy cane or two, as you savor the sweet taste of peppermint, do you taste a hint of petroleum? Check out *Candy Canes: A Festive Treat with a Fossil Fuel Twist* and you will be pleasantly surprised.

Don’t forget our Christmas Party on December 18th, make your reservation NOW!

Also, Tracy is working on committees for 2025! Make her Christmas wish come true—sign up now!

Big ‘Thank You’ to Rena Shaffer for a truly remarkable year as serving as our 2024 President. Thank you for your leadership and for being an inspiring example to your fellow board members and the entire organization. Congrats on an outstanding year!

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Editors: Sheila, Nichole and Ashley







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**December 2024**

2024 is almost over....where does the time go? I want to thank our Board, Committee Chairmen and Reps, and every member of our club for an outstanding year. We had great, interesting, knowledgeable speakers at our monthly meetings, fantastic field trips, and a great golf tournament! Many of us traveled to Great Bend, Kansas to attend our Central Region meeting and to Dallas, TX to attend the ADDC convention. We also did an excellent job with our contest entries! I hope even more members will attend next year.

I can't wait to see what adventures we have next year with our 2025 Board leading us: President – Tracy Flynn; Vice President – Diana Walker; Secretary – Sheila McGaughey; Treasurer – Lauren Martin; One Year Director – Debbie Hicks; Two Year Director – Katie Curl; Immediate Past President – Rena Shaffer; Parliamentarian – Doris Sterling. Best of Luck to each of you and to our 2025 Committees!

Congratulations to Nichole Harney for being elected as our 2025 Central Region Director. She will do an amazing job and I am so proud of her. Nichole – you have our club support and we will help you out in any way we can!

I hope everyone will attend our December 18 membership meeting and invite your friends. We will install our 2025 Board of Directors and then celebrate Christmas with a gift exchange afterwards. Remember we will start this meeting at 6PM.

Another reminder to the Board and Committee Chairmen to submit your end of the year reports to me. Also, please place a copy of the report in your committee files to be given to the 2025 committee chairmen. If you have NOT signed up to serve on a committee – PLEASE contact Tracy Flynn. It does not take a lot of time and it is a GREAT way to learn more about the workings of our club!

I will serve as the 2025 Membership Chairman. The membership renewal forms were recently emailed but if you somehow didn't receive yours, please let me know.

We had our joint 2024-2025 Board meeting yesterday and I want to thank them for my Christmas gift to tour the Texas Rangers ballpark. Most of you know I LOVE MY RANGERS through good and bad, so I'm very excited about this tour. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Wishing each of you a Merry Christmas....and a Happy New Year!

Rena Shaffer



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**Heather Woods**  
Whiptail Midstream

December 2024

Hello Members,

I want to start by saying "Thank you" to all of you for your support and help this year. It has meant the world to me! I have learned so much from all of you. A big thank you to Great Bend Club for hosting an amazing Region meeting and another thank you to Graham and Wichita Falls for being so welcoming at your August monthly meeting.

I had amazing Presidents this year and that were always willing to help me with anything. Thank you to Lonnie Broce (Great Bend), Kay McKinley (Liberal), Allison Igo (Wichita, KS), Malissa Smith (Tulsa), Tim Parrish (OKC), Rena Shaffer (Wichita Falls), Melodee Guerrero (Graham) and Janet Beavers (Lone Star of Dallas). You are all amazing and I hope you have great success in your clubs!

As always don't forget to sign up for a region or national committee and help where you can. We need all of you to make this a great organization! Make 2025 super amazing!

All our clubs have had their elections for their 2025 Boards. Please fill out the ADO 31 form (New Officers Form) and email to: [ado@addc.org](mailto:ado@addc.org), [nichole@cobraogc.com](mailto:nichole@cobraogc.com), [michelle.burgard@dvn.com](mailto:michelle.burgard@dvn.com), and retain a copy for your club records.

Remember, the deadline for AIMEE submittals will be 11:59 pm on January 15, 2025, via electronic submittal. The category submittals will be from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you get to spend quality time with your families and have the best holidays.

Happy Holidays!

Michelle Burgard,  
2024 Region Director





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December 2024

My President's report given at ADDC Convention:

We've had a good year. The ADDC board meets monthly via Zoom, and we discuss financials, things going on in the regions and new and old business. A few of the first things we discussed and approved were deadlines for Club and Region Bylaw review, 2025 ADDC Board nominees, Charity Rising contract and the operating budget. This was the year of the form updates. We approved the Bylaw Amendment Forms, EAB form and most recently the new Program Form.

This year has been everything I had hoped it would be. Thought provoking discussions. Assuming some issues would be a big discussion, and they weren't...Or things I thought would be a given...were not. Building new relationships personally and professionally within this organization and strengthening old ones. Balancing my big-picture thinking with attention to detail has been challenging and welcomed. I have learned more about this organization than I ever thought possible, and I hope that I have also taught people about this organization and our industry. I loved learning about Robert's Rules and Parliamentary procedures.

Finally, I feel this year has helped me grow as a leader in all aspects of my life. I can say that I have genuinely enjoyed this year more than I ever could have imagined and honestly more than I ever expected! I will forever be grateful to you for allowing me to be your 2024 ADDC President.

Much love,

*Wendy*

## Thinking about signing up for a committee?

The Chairs are set but will need YOUR help! If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact Tracy at tracy@cobraog and she can discuss it with you. It can be a fulfilling experience that contributes to personal growth, professional development and a greater knowledge of our industry.

*The experience gained from committee work is invaluable.*

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	BOARD CONTACT	COMMITTEE MEMBER	COMMITTEE MEMBER	COMMITTEE MEMBER	2025 Board of Directors
<b>Budget &amp; Finance</b>	Barbara Pappas	Diana Walker	Lauren Martin	Tracy Flynn		President - Tracy Flynn
<b>Bulletin</b>	Sheila McGaughey	Sheila McGaughey	Ashley Pierce			Vice President - Diana Walker
<b>By-Laws</b>	Doris Sterling	Doris Sterling	Shirley Bridwell			Secretary - Sheila McGaughey
<b>Education</b>	Sheila McGaughey	Debbie Hicks				Treasurer - Lauren Martin
<b>Field Trip</b>	Sheila McGaughey / Cecil Duke	Sheila McGaughey				1. Yr Director - Debbie Hicks
<b>General Arrangements</b>	Debbie Hicks	Debbie Hicks	Ashley Pierce			2 Yr Director - Katie Curl
<b>Golf Tournament</b>	Vickie Young / Casie Mass	Rena Shaffer	Tracy Flynn	Sheila McGaughey	Rena Shaffer	Imm Past Pres - Rena Shaffer
<b>Membership</b>	Rena Shaffer	Rena Shaffer	Nelva White			Parliamentarian - Doris Sterling
<b>Program</b>	Diana Walker	Diana Walker	Rena Shaffer			
<b>Social Media</b>	Jordan Burgess	Tracy Flynn	Nichole Harney			
<b>Budget &amp; Finance</b>	Assist in setting up our annual budget and fund-raising projects					
<b>Bulletin</b>	Publish monthly bulletin and present scrapbook/club memorabilia to the Club President.					
<b>By-Laws</b>	Review Club By-Laws for any possible changes.					
<b>Education</b>	Set up educational seminar(s) and work with MSU on scholarships.					
<b>Field Trip</b>	Set up field trip(s).					
<b>General</b>						
<b>Arrangements</b>	Arrange venue/meals/seating arrangements for monthly meetings.					
<b>Golf Tournament</b>	Obtain location, sponsors, teams, volunteers for our yearly fundraiser.					
<b>Membership</b>	Handle membership renewals and new member applications, publish membership directory, take reservations and prepare name badges.					
<b>Program</b>	Provide monthly programs, arrange for invocation & introduction of speaker(s), provide bulletin with program info and summary of each meeting, submit monthly program report to ADDC					
<b>Social Media</b>	Responsible for displaying our events through social media account(s).					



**November 2024 Program**

(Closed meeting)

Approval of Slate of Officers and Directors for 2025

Review of ADDC Convention

2025 Committee Positions

Sheila McGaughey, Nominating Committee Chair, thanked her committee members, Nicole Harney and Diana Walker, for all of their help. Sheila announced the proposed slate of officers for 2025:

President - Tracy Flynn.

Vice president – Diana Walker.

Treasurer - Lauren Martin

Secretary - Sheila McGaughey.

One Year Director - Debbie Hicks

Two Year director - Katie Curl

Immediate Past President - Rena Schaffer

Diana Walker, Parliamentarian, confirmed a quorum was present. Being that there were not any nominations from the floor, Rena Shaffer, as Presiding Officer, closed the nominations. Our Bylaws stipulate that if there is only one nominee for each office, the Officers and Directors may be elected by voice vote. There were no objections to the election being held by voice vote.

Rena asked for a motion to accept the 2025 slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Nicole Harney has made a motion to accept the 2025 slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee, and the motion was seconded by Nelva White.

The motion was carried by the Aye votes.

Rena reminded the 2024 Board members and Committee Chairmen, to start putting their files together so they can be passed along to the 2025 Board members and Committee Chairmen. Current Committee Chairmen were also reminded to send their end of year report to her. This is just a short report, a summary of what your Board position or your committee did this year. List your accomplishments, what worked, what didn't work, and any suggestions for the new people that are taking over. Place a copy of the report in your committee files. Contact Rena if you have any questions about preparing that.

At the ADDC convention held in Dallas back in September, the proposal to increase our ADDC dues was approved.

We currently pay \$65 for our dues here in Wichita Falls. We forward \$55.00 to ADDC for dues, \$3.00 goes to Central Region and our Club keeps \$7.00. The ADDC dues increased to \$70.00 effective January 2025, Central Region will continue to receive \$3.00 and our club will keep the current \$7.00, so the total dues will be increased to \$80.00. The Club has received the 2025 renewal forms and those will be sent to you in the near future and it will have the new dues amount.

Rena has also emailed members concerning our meal cost. We currently pay \$19.00 for our meal cost to Bistro each month with the exception of the Industry Appreciation luncheon and this \$19.00

only covers our meal cost. The club has been picking up additional costs each month. These extra costs include:

Room: \$65.00 per month (not including the Appreciation Luncheon or December meeting, which is held at night, those are more expensive.)

Tablecloths: \$10.00 each - we usually have 7 to 8 per meeting.

Tax on the Meal: around \$25.00 based on cost of meals for 15 attendees.

Our Club picks up at least \$175.00 each month, so the Board has proposed to increase our meal cost to \$20. This will only cover the meal cost and the Club will continue to pick up the additional cost.

Rena asked for a motion to increase the monthly meal cost to \$20.00, not including the industry Appreciation Luncheon, effective January 1st, 2025.

Tracy Flynn made the motion that we change our meal cost to \$20.00 a month, Vickie Young seconded the motion.

Our Tally Committee Members, Doris Sterling and Jordan Jackson, were ready to count hands as we did a vote by hands. Rena asked for those in favor of raising our meal costs to \$20.00 to raise their hand and also those against raising the meal costs to raise their hand. The motion passed.

While Rena went over this at our Industry Appreciation Luncheon, she wanted to brag about our membership a little bit. We have four Regions, and our Members write summaries of our meetings, our Field Trips and our seminars and submit them each year to the ADDC Contest Committee. The Contest Committee lines up three judges per region. They're not allowed to judge their own region. Our Club submitted an entry in each category except one. The Wichita Falls Club entered eight entries and if you recall at our region meeting in April up in Kansas, our Club won first place in all eight of those categories that we entered.

After that, the First-place entries in each of the four Regions are judged again by different judges, and the results are revealed at our ADDC Convention. The First-Place award is called an AIMEE and that stands for Achievement in Maintaining Energy Excellence.

Desk and Derrick Club of Wichita Falls:

Best Large Bulletin: AIMEE - Nicole Harney

Best President's Letter: AIMEE - Sheila McGaughey

Best Desk and Derrick Article: Third place - Barbara Pappas

Best Industry Program: AIMEE - Sheila McGaughey

Best Desk and Derrick Program: AIMEE - Barbara Pappas and Rena Shaffer

Best Industry Seminar: Second place - Sheila McGaughey

Best Industry Field Trip: Second place - Cecil Duke and Rena Shaffer

Best Industry Photograph: Second place - Nichole Harney

Out of eight categories that we were entered in, we received first place in four categories, second place in three categories and third place in one category. That's eight out of eight that we placed in everything that we entered. Rena praised the membership and how the members work really hard to bring great programs and Field Trips and seminars. We encourage our members to attend all of these events including our Region Meetings and our ADDC Conventions to learn and appreciate our industry. Thank you all for making Wichita Falls stand out among the best.



Now is the time to get all the paperwork together to submit our entries for this coming year. If you have any favorites that you like, let Rena know on any category. She also needs photos, specifically industry-related photos, that you took within the year. Please send them to her the first week of December.

Since Tracy has officially been elected our 2025 President, she went over the various committees. Every table had copies of the Club's committees and what those committees do.

Earlier Rena mentioned committee files. Every committee Chair keeps a set of records/books/files, which contain correspondence, notes, invoices and emails, etc., that they worked on during the year, so the next year, 2025, those files or books go to the next Committee Chair. You are never left completely in the dark as far as what you need to do in your committee. And if you get stuck or have some questions, there are always a lot of people in the club that have been on that committee before that will help you just pick up the phone or shoot them an email. This is really a club effort.

1)**Budget & Finance.** We have to operate within a budget. The Committee may meet in person at the beginning of the year, to get everything organized. The committee members also include the President and Treasurer. We want to make sure we have enough money and start allocating expenses for Regional meetings and ADDC Convention to send the delegate and alternate to. If North Texas Association of Petroleum Landman and SPE have a golf tournament, we help with those. We make money from those. If Texas Alliance of Energy Producers is coming to Wichita Falls, we may be working a booth. Currently Diana is our Committee Chair. She has a spreadsheet, which will give you a starting point, look at what the different costs might be. One of them will be the increase in meal costs.

2)**Bulletin.** Every month we get a Bulletin. It includes monthly meeting notices, information on new members, reports, Field Trips, that type of stuff. If you are creative, that's a good place to channel your energy so all the news that we need to know is sent to us once a month. It's a very important but fun part of our club and the Bulletin committee doesn't really need to meet in person. They can do all their correspondence via e-mail or phone calls.

3)**Bylaws.** We have a really nice set of rules or Bylaws that we follow. If there's any changes to the Bylaws, the Bylaws Chair takes care of that. For example, in this current year with ADDC raising their dues, we have had no choice but to change the Bylaws to reflect that. It doesn't mean that you have to rewrite the Bylaws. You're literally just changing one sentence, and that's often the case. Now if you, as the Bylaws Chair, decide that you want to really revamp something, you can't just do that, but you can bring those ideas to the Board and go from there. The Bylaws Committee is an easy place to start because the Bylaws are already done. The Bylaws were reviewed this year. When ADDC changed the cost of dues, our Bylaws changed as well.

4)**Education Committee.** Education Committee works with seminars and contacts Midwestern State to inform them what we will be giving in scholarship money and how many scholarships we want to provide. They come back with the people that they feel would benefit and qualify for those scholarships.

For our newer members, prior to COVID, we had MOLU come to Wichita Falls several years and MOLU is Mobile Oilfield Learning Unit, which is a set of six modules that goes to elementary schools. It's really a learning process and there's questionnaires and it's all based on the energy industry, so the

Education Department has been the one that has contacted MOLU. Tracy isn't sure if MOLU is still in existence. A few years ago, the Texas Oil and Gas Association teamed up with the Oil Field Energy Center to work with MOLU, but that was in 2020. On a side note, if you happen to go to Galveston, just for vacation, either with the kids, grandkids, or just yourself, visit the Ocean Star Museum. It's a retired drilling rig that operated in the Gulf of Mexico. It's been refurbished and it's now a museum, but it is extremely interesting.

Also, for several years Region 9 has hosted a Texas Living History Day for fourth graders from a lot of the smaller surrounding schools. They probably don't really have the funding to do a lot of Field Trips, and they're too small to go too far. We would go to Region 9 and set up in a room with a bunch of our displays. The 80 or so kids attending would rotate from room to room. We had pictures on the wall and different items that are made with petroleum by-products. We want them to know how important our industry is to everyday life. We don't know yet if Region 9 will be doing that in 2025, but it's a lot of fun interacting with these kids.

You probably already know we donate to Project Back to School. We have had a booth in the past, which was not beneficial. It's more beneficial to support them with a donation, if the budget allows.

5)**Field Trip.** Sheila and Cecil have agreed to Co-Chair our Field Trip Committee. If you have any ideas that you want to suggest to them or still want to be on the committee, you are welcome to do so. The Field Trip Committee really does take care of all of the planning. They figured out where we could go. How are we going to get there? When are we leaving? How much is going to cost? What time will we get back? Are there any safety requirements? Do you need to have steel toe shoes? We've had some great Field Trips, so they are always a lot of fun.

6)**General Arrangements.** General Arrangements is basically this right here. Where do we meet each month? How many seats do we need? Are we having our December meeting in the evening? We need a bigger venue for our October Industry Appreciation Lunch. Those types of things. Debbie has agreed to be the General Arrangements Committee Chair again this year, but if you want to help her with that, she would appreciate it.

7)Tracy's favorite, the **Golf Tournament.** Vickie and Tracy have Chaired this for the past few years. The location and the date are set for 2025. We do that when we leave the golf course after the tournament in May. Vickie has agreed to help out whoever is going to be on this committee with her. What Tracy has done is been the person that keeps track of everything on the sponsorships that come in, the teams that are registering, making sure they've paid or need to pay. The form that we send out to everybody has already been created. You just change the date, or any information needed. We can help with getting you addresses for sponsors and the team form is already basically done. Instead of finding sponsor for or buying door prizes, Vickie and Tracy went with the cash route. We have our notes on how much you need based on how many teams you have. If we had two flights, there was first, second and third places in both flights and those guys are always really happy when they win. So again, a lot of this is kind of set in motion for you, but somebody needs to kind of be the gatekeeper, keep track of everything.

8)**Membership.** Tracy is looking for someone right now. The Membership Committee doesn't need to meet in person. The Membership Chair, at the beginning of the year, will be working on getting membership renewals. They need to keep track of all the Members, check with Members who haven't sent their renewals in and make sure that all the dues are correct. Every time we meet, the



Membership Committee keeps track of who is coming so we have enough places for everybody to sit at our programs. They maintain a reservation list and do an annual Membership directory. The beginning of the year is kind of the busiest time for the Membership Chair. If there's any name badges we need for new members or guests, that is the Membership's responsibility. We have some tickets on the tables and those are chances. They're quarter a ticket or five for a dollar and they are split, half goes to you if you win, and the other half goes to the club. After this meeting the Club's half will be used for the Club's Christmas Party so that money will then be forwarded to General Arrangements Committee, who is planning the Christmas party. There may be some surprises in this year's Christmas party, because that's part of the General Arrangements job.

9)**Program.** We already have the Program Chair set. Whether she wants it or not, Diana, the Vice President, their main job is probably is being the Program Chair. She and her committee, because it's not a solo job, will work together to help find speakers or just toss ideas together. This can be done via email or conference calls. The Chair's job is to get a monthly speaker, find somebody to give the invocation, introduce the guest speaker, provide information for the Bulletin.

When Tracy asked again that we needed a Membership Chair, Rena volunteered.

Tracy asked Doris Sterling to be the Parliamentarian and she's going to get a current edition of Robert's Rules of Order as we've been using one from 1999.

Vickie volunteered to stay on the Golf Tournament and Co-Chair, with somebody else, if they are willing to do what Tracy did, keep the spreadsheet, accept payments, especially those that want to pay online. Vickie is familiar with all the golf course personnel. Brandon Watkins with Balon, said when he left the tournament last year, that he'll see us next year. It's always a great tournament and our biggest fundraiser.

Rena asked that everyone look over the committees and volunteer because nothing's worse than being in charge and trying to get your year together and you're having to call and beg people so please try and volunteer where everybody can get some experience in.

Rena gave Debbie Hicks her certificate for being a member for one year. Barbara Pappas accepted the one-year member certificate for her husband, Ron Pappas.

Our next Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 3rd. This will be a joint Board meeting of the 2024 and 2025 board members. Our next Membership meeting will be Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Forum at 6:00 pm. It'll be our December/Christmas party and we will install the 2025 Board of Directors and have a gift exchange afterwards. Let Diana know if you will be attending so have a head count. This year instead of bringing a card, we're going to put either the card or a little tag inside the gift with your name on it as the gift exchange will be a little different.

Meeting adjourned.

# 2024 November Membership Meeting

## 2025 Slate of Officers

## 2025 Committee Positions

*Presented by: Rena Shaffer & Tracy Flynn*



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### Committees:

- |                  |            |                 |
|------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Budget & Finance | Bulletin   | Bylaws          |
| Education        | Field Trip | Golf Tournament |

- Membership Program
- General Arrangements
- Social Media

### *Thank you for serving in 2025!*

Your decision to join our Board of Directors and /or serve on a committee is a testament to your passion for Desk and Derrick in educating everyone about our club. Your expertise and insights undoubtedly contribute to our collective efforts in making a positive impact in the industry we serve.



### Board Member

[bawrd mem-ber] noun (n.)  
 One who solves problems you never knew existed in ways that will blow your mind.  
 See also; superhero, legend, rockstar





# FUEL FOR THOUGHT

SPOTLIGHTING OIL AND SOME OF THE BY-PRODUCTS  
CREATED FROM THIS **BLACK GOLD**

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

By Petroleum Service Company on Dec 09, 2016

**'Tis the season for all things seasonal!**

**No, seriously...are you tired of listening to Christmas music at work, in your car, and in all the stores yet?**

Regardless of whether you're a *there's no such thing as too much Christmas cheer* kind of person, or a *bah humbug* kind of person, you have to admit that there's just something...different about this time of year. I mean, nobody's out there recording entire albums with songs about any of the other Federal Holidays (I'm specifically looking at you, third Monday in February aka George Washington's Birthday).

**Perhaps one of the biggest components of the holiday season (besides all the cookies, of course) is all the Christmas lights.**

Again, even if you're a bit of a Scrooge, you have to at least recognize that Christmas lights are kind of a big deal this time of year.

### History of Christmas Lights

The history of Christmas lights dates back to before electrical lights were even invented. In early modern Germany, upper-class Christians used to decorate their Christmas trees with candles. Early electric Christmas lights were introduced in the 1880s with the introduction of electrification.

Come the early 20th century, it became popular to decorate publicly-displayed Christmas trees with electric lights. By the mid-20th century, it started to become popular to use electric lights to decorate *beyond* the tree; it became customary to string lights along streets and on buildings. Beginning in the 1960s, in the US it became popular to outline private houses with lights. By the end of the 20th century, this custom became popular in non-western countries and regions, as well.





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Today, Christmas lights remain a very popular holiday decoration (for more than just Christmas, too). And as holiday light technology continues to develop, the possibilities for decorating are endless.



## Technology

Christmas lights (also called twinkle lights, holiday lights, mini lights, or fairy lights), are, at their simplest, lights on string (wire), which is why they're also sometimes simply referred to as "string lights." But they've gotten much more complex than that...you can not get everything from battery-operated string lights to illuminate animatronics. Want your entire house to glow in turn with some of your favorite holiday jams? Yeah, you can have that, too.

Suffice it to say, we've come quite a long way from sticking lit candles on live trees (which frankly doesn't sound so safe). To go our popular fire-retardant artificial Christmas trees, technology has also provided us with a better choice in light bulb: LED.

Though types of light bulbs vary across Christmas décor, incandescent bulbs were a very popular choice. However, light-emitting diodes (LEDs) are becoming increasingly popular (and encouraged) as they are more energy efficient. They also are considered a safer alternative as they don't heat up like traditional light bulbs.





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## LEDs

Unlike light bulbs (which generate light because of heat generation), LEDs emit light by electronic excitation. While their popularity in Christmas decorating might be *modern*, LEDs have actually been around for quite some time; in 1950s it was discovered that some of the materials could generate light and in 1960 Researchers at AT&T Bell Laboratories began to exploit the light-generating properties of such materials.

Some of the components within LEDs include diodes (made from thin layers of semiconductor material “wafers”, which are rather complex); wires; and transparent plastic which encases the LEDs. The plastic can be a number of varieties (although all are made from petroleum), and the type of plastic used will determine what the LED output looks like.

And when it comes to strings of LED Christmas lights, the wires are coated with Polyvinyl chloride (PVC), which is, again, a petroleum product.

*May Your Christmas be Merry and Bright.!*



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Petroleum Service Company—Headquartered in Eastern Pennsylvania, Petroleum Service Company (PSC) was founded in 1924 and incorporated in 1930. We are homegrown, yet international. You may know us as a local brick-and-mortar distributor of oil and lubricants, but we’ve grown to become.

# FROM THE DERRICK FLOOR

## A “Bit” of Oil and Gas History Through the Years

### HUGHES COMPANY “CHRISTMAS TREE” OIL FIELD TOOL

#### A festive design to control the flow of oil

Don't expect presents under this Christmas tree, unless oil is on your wish list. Named for its resemblance to the popular evergreen, an oil field “Christmas tree” is an assembly of valves, spools, and fittings used to regulate the flow of gas or oil out of the well, release well pressure, and inject chemicals that prevent production problems like blockages. Christmas trees provide more control over when and how much a well produces, increasing its efficiency and significantly reducing blowouts and related fires. This Christmas tree was manufactured in the 1930s by the Hughes Company—originally Sharp-Hughes Tool Company—which was established in 1909 in Houston by Howard Hughes, Sr.



*Oh  
Christmas  
tree*





# Candy Canes: A Festive Treat with a Fossil Fuel Twist



Christmas is here and I love this time of year! I love the lights, the sounds, all the smells of Christmas, and, yes, the taste of candy canes. I also love decorating the house and shopping to find just the perfect gift for my grandkids and family. In decorating the tree, I have my favorite ornaments and I always finish the tree with candy canes. I will usually put a few in everyone's stockings, use them for decorations, tie one or two to a gift bag for friends, or enjoy as a sweet treat.

We all love candy canes. One of my favorite Christmas movies is "Elf", where we hear Will Ferrell's Buddy the Elf say "We elves try to stick to the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corn and syrup." Awesome movie, be sure to add it to your list of holiday favorites.

But, have you every thought about the history of the candy cane? Well, I hope you are sitting down for this one, but a candy cane is actually made from *petroleum*. Does that blow your mind a little bit? It did mine! But, it's true!

## History of the Candy Cane

The candy cane is a cane-shaped stick candy often associated with Christmas. It is traditionally white with red stripes and flavored with peppermint, but the canes also come in a variety of other flavors and colors.

Just like the Christmas tradition of decorating a tree, the Christmas Candy Cane originated in Germany. It was originally a plain white sugar stick.

According to history, the familiar white sugar stick goes back to 1670. The choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany would give the sugar-sticks to the fidgety children to keep them quiet during the Christmas services. In honor of the occasion, he bent the candies into shepherd's crooks.

The clergymen's custom of handing out candy canes during Christmas services would eventually spread throughout Europe and later to America. At the time, the canes were still white, but sometimes the candy-makers would add sugar-roses to decorate the canes. In 1847, the first historical reference to the candy cane in America appeared when a German immigrant named August Imgard decorated the Christmas tree in his Wooster, Ohio home with candy canes.

In 1919, a candy maker named Bob McCormack began making candy canes. And by the middle of the century, his company, Bob's Candies, became widely famous for their candy canes. Initially, the canes had to be bent by hand to make the "J" shape. That changed with the help of his brother-in-law, Gregory Keller, who invented the machine to automate candy cane production.

### **So, Are you asking yourself...Where's the petroleum?**

In the red dye! The red coloring in candy canes usually comes from Red 40, which has been deemed safe by the FDA. Though it comes from petroleum distillates, it has been closely tested to ensure that the final product is safe for consumption. You will also find that the wrappers and packaging for candy canes are often made from petroleum-based plastics. This includes materials like polyethylene and polypropylene, which are commonly used in food packaging. The machinery and equipment used in the manufacturing of candy canes may be lubricated or constructed from materials that are derived from petroleum.

### **Legend of the Candy Cane**

It has been claimed that the cane was shaped like a "J" for "Jesus" or a shepherd's crook and that the red-and-white stripes represented Christ's blood and purity. The three red stripes were also said to symbolize the Holy Trinity and the hardness of the candy represented the Church's foundation on solid rock. As for the candy cane's peppermint flavor, it represented the use of hyssop, a herb referred to in the Old Testament. There is no historical evidence to support these claims, but it is fun to view them in this manner.

So, as you sit by the fire this holiday season with a candy cane in hand, remember to say "thank you" to the petroleum industry for those delicious treats!

Submitted by: Sheila McGaughey





## Homegrown Chief Roughneck: Local oilman wins national award

Times Record News

November 8, 2024

The president and CEO of Burk Royalty Co., David Kimbell Jr., has won the 2024 Chief Roughneck Award at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Independent Petroleum Association of America in Boca Raton, Florida.

He was selected by industry peers as the 65th recipient of the award, according to an IPAA media release.

“My grandfather and dad set the stage for my brothers and I to be in this position. I am grateful for the legacy they passed down to us and we hope to leave the same for our children,” David said of the award.

The award recognizes an individual “whose accomplishments and character represented the highest ideals of the U.S. oil and natural gas industry,” according to the news release.

David’s family has been active in the ownership and management of Burk Royalty since its founding in 1929.

Jeff Eshelman, IPAA President and CEO, noted Burk Royalty Co. was born the same year as the association in 1929.

“We are immensely grateful to have had him and his family active in IPAA and our advocacy throughout the decades,” Eshelman said. “David and the Kimbell family are the embodiment of this award, and we wish them and Burk Royalty Co., success for many more years and generations.”

The company has 165 employees and operates oil and gas wells in North Texas, East Texas, West Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Wyoming.

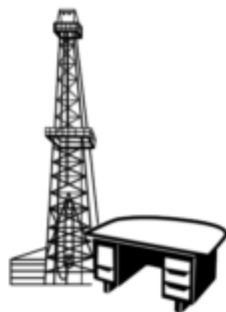
David and wife Mary have been married for 42 years. They have four children Sarah Pitts, Trey Kimbell, John Kimbell and Mary Martha Kimbell-White, as well as eight grandchildren.

Trey, their oldest son, is a geologist who serves as vice president of exploration. Mary Martha, their youngest daughter, is land manager for the Company’s MidCon assets. She and her brother Trey are the fourth generation of Kimbell family members actively employed at Burk Royalty.

**Note from Editor:** *Mr. David Kimbell, Jr., is a very big supporter of our club and has attended many of our Industry Appreciation Luncheons.*

**Congratulations Mr. Kimbell, from the Desk and Derrick Club of Wichita Falls!**





# Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs

## 2025 Membership Form

The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC), an international non-profit organization, is a premier provider of energy education and professional development. ADDC's purpose shall be to promote the education and professional development of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy, and allied industries and to educate the general public about these industries as well as the companies and global communities the members serve.

Club: WICHITA FALLS                      Region: CENTRAL                      Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Release Name:** For purposes of membership recruiting, I authorize the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs to release my name as part of a list of ADDC members.                      Release Name?                       Yes                       No

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**DUES: \$80.00 (ADDC \$70+Region \$3+Club \$7)**  
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**c/o Eagle Oil & Gas Corp**  
**2525 Kell Blvd, Ste 510**  
**Wichita Falls, TX 76308**

**Make Checks Payable To:**  
**DESK AND DERRICK CLUB OF WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



November 22, 2024

## *From the Desk of Alex Mills.....*

# Trump's nominees bring experience to energy issues

By Alex Mills

America's energy policy is in for a major overhaul.

President-elect Trump announced this week the appointment of two key members to his cabinet relating to energy issues. North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum will serve as Secretary of Interior and Colorado businessman Christopher Wright was nominated as Secretary of Energy. Both must be confirmed by the Senate.

Burgum also will serve as the chair of the new National Energy Council, which will consist of all departments and agencies involved in the permitting, production, generation, distribution, regulation, transportation, of all forms of American energy, and will therefore have a seat on the National Security Council, Trump said,

The National Energy Council will coordinate among federal agencies to advance American energy. "By establishing U.S. energy dominance, we can jumpstart our economy, drive down costs for consumers and generate billions in revenue to help reduce our deficit," Burgum said.

Before entering politics, Burgum headed a software company, which was acquired by Microsoft in 2001 and has been in a variety of businesses until he was elected Governor in 2016.

Burgum ran for President but failed to gather enough support and closed his campaign in December 2023.

North Dakota is the third largest oil producing state behind Texas and New Mexico.

Christopher Wright is CEO of Liberty Energy, an oil field service company based in Colorado but operates throughout the nation especially in Texas and North Dakota.

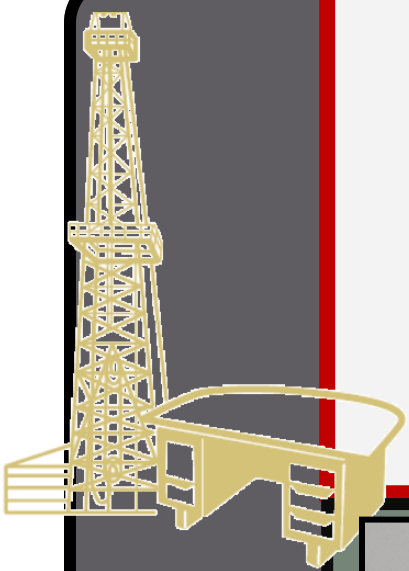
Wright founded Pinnacle Technologies in 1992 during the very early days of the new technology entering the exploration of oil and natural gas through fracturing. He later formed Liberty Resources, an exploration and production company operating in North Dakota, which led to Liberty Energy.

Liberty Energy had \$4 billion in annual revenues last year. It is a publicly traded company at \$17 per share on Nov. 18 with a market cap of around \$3 billion.

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*Alex Mills is the former President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers.*

Happy Birthday  
Jennifer Rodriguez!  
December 19th



Membership News



Thank you to  
**Rena Shaffer**

for serving as the 2024 President!

Your vision and determination for this club have not gone unnoticed, and we are all grateful for the time and energy you invested in making this year a success!



**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

**2025 Central Region Meeting—Tulsa, OK  
April 25-26, 2025**

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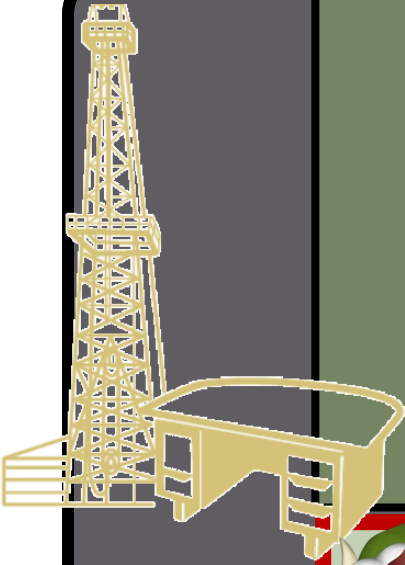
**2025 Convention—San Antonio, TX  
September 16—21, 2025**

**MARK YOUR CALENDERS NOW!**





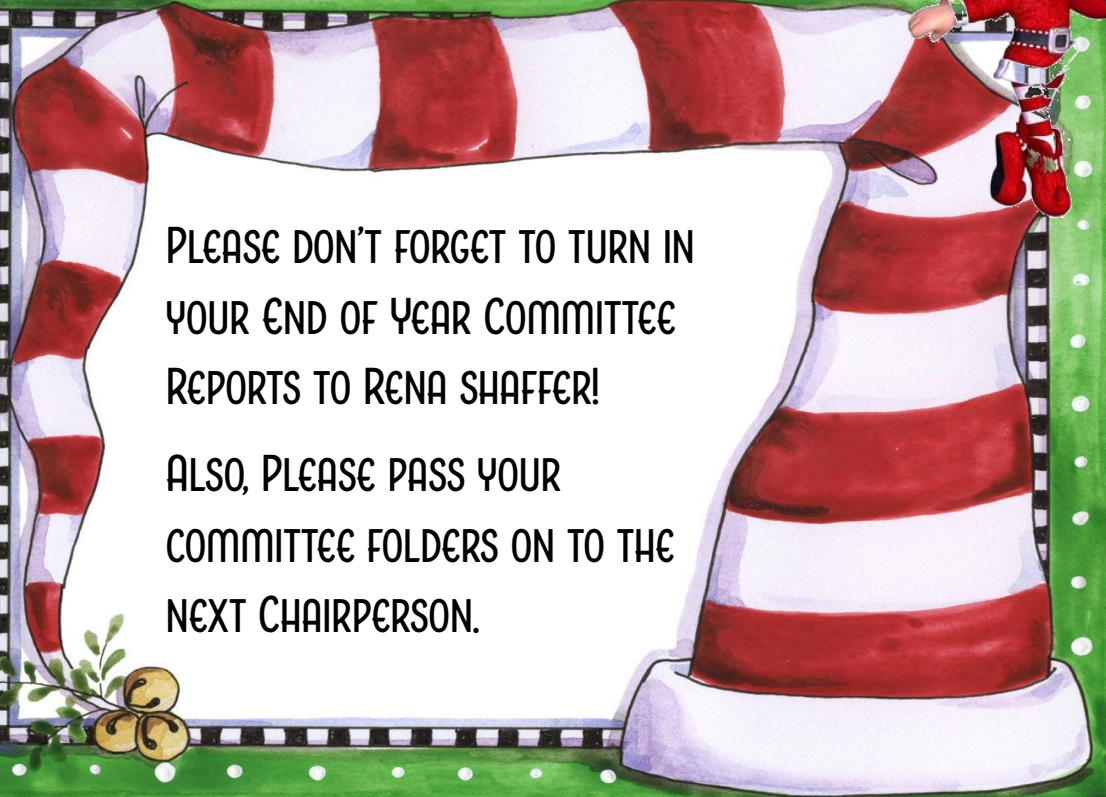
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year!!



Membership News



Good Luck to  
**Nichole Harney**  
on serving as the  
**2025**  
**Central Region Director**



PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN  
YOUR END OF YEAR COMMITTEE  
REPORTS TO RENA SHAFFER!  
  
ALSO, PLEASE PASS YOUR  
COMMITTEE FOLDERS ON TO THE  
NEXT CHAIRPERSON.





# Celebrating Our 2025 Board of Directors

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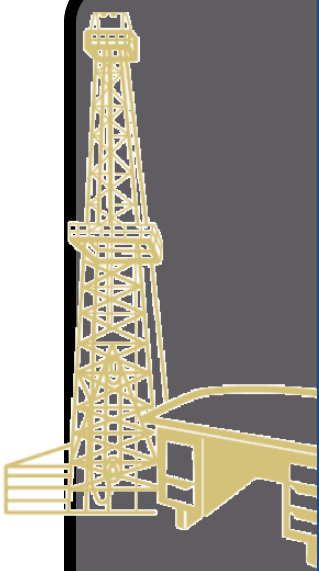
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## *Predicting an “Amazing” 2025 for Our Club!!*

“Gather ‘round, dear members, and lend me your ears,  
 For the crystal ball reveals a year full of cheers!  
 In the realm of camaraderie and shared delight,  
 A wonderful journey awaits—shimmering bright.  
 As the sun rises high, with warmth in its glow,  
 Our club will flourish, watch its spirit grow.  
 New friendships will blossom, like flowers in spring,  
 Together you’ll conquer whatever life brings.  
 Collaborations abound, with projects galore,  
 Creativity flowing, you’ll open each door.  
 In challenges faced, unity will shine,  
 With laughter and joy, your hearts will align.  
 Expect moments of triumph, accolades to earn,  
 The seeds that you’ve planted, shall flourish  
 and turn.  
 With passion and purpose, your vision will  
 soar,  
 This year brings abundance - get ready for  
 more!  
 So embrace every moment, let your spirits take  
 flight,  
 For the stars are aligned, and all feels just right.  
 Cherish the laughter, the memories you’ll weave,  
 A wonderful year awaits—just believe and achieve!”



***Wishing you all a magical year ahead!***





**2024 Annual  
Desk and Derrick  
Christmas Party  
& Installation of Officers**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING - DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 PM @ THE FORUM**

**MEAL COST \$19.00**

*RSVP BY DECEMBER 12, 2024 TO DIANA WALKER*

*DWALKER@SJOC.NET OR 940-636-0971*



***PLEASE BRING A GIFT***  
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*with your name on it.*





# DESK AND DERRICK CLUB of WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

**December 18, 2024 - 6:00 PM**

Membership Meeting and *Christmas Party*  
THE FORUM, 2120 SPEEDWAY AVENUE

**PRESIDING**

**Rena Shaffer**  
Eagle Oil & Gas Co.

**INVOCATION**

**Shirley Bridwell**  
Bridwell Reporting & Consulting, LLC

**INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**

**Doris Sterling**  
General Operating Co.

**PROGRAM**

**Vickie Young**  
Cobra Oil & Gas Corporation

**PROGRAM**

***How Sweet It Is***

*Installation of 2025 Officers and Directors*

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED -**

**Deadline - 4:00pm Thursday, December 12th**

Reservations: Diana Walker, [dwalker@sjoc.net](mailto:dwalker@sjoc.net)  
Call/text - 940-636-0971 (C), or call 940-716-5344 (O)

**MEAL COST: \$19.00**

You are responsible for payment if you make a reservation and do not attend.  
(If paying with cash, please bring exact change)

*NOTE: Meeting time is 6:00 PM. Christmas gift exchange will be after the meeting. Please bring a \$10 gift if you will be participating, with a signed gift tag or card tucked inside.*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



# December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		<b>Board Mtg.</b>		<b>Deadline</b>		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <b>Christmas Party</b>	19 Jennifer Rodriquez	20	21
22	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>	25 <b>Christmas</b>	26	27	28
29	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>				

# January 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>Happy New Year!</b>	2	3	4
5	6	7 <b>Board Mtg.</b>	8	9 <b>Deadline for Bulletin</b>	10	11
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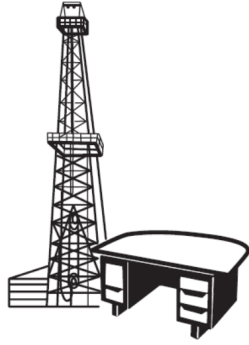
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# Merry Christmas and HAPPY NEW YEAR

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