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ADDC Southeast Region Members,

Happy New Year! It is my honor to serve as the 2025 Southeast Region Director.

Have you heard the BUZZ? Desk and Derrick is the BEES Knees...will serve as my theme for 2025. Folklore holds that the bee symbolizes service, and their movement from one plant to another symbolizes the interconnectedness of all living things. Bees are social and the health and success of the hive depends on the interaction of the bees, just as the success of our clubs depends on the interaction of our members. A solitary bee cannot thrive on its own, and we have witnessed this in our organization. It is important that our members support and encourage each other to ensure our longevity.

I was invited to install officers for the Westbank, Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Lafayette clubs in November and December. I'm so sorry that I was not able to make the November meeting for Westbank, but plan to visit with them during the upcoming year. I enjoyed "Bee-ing" involved in the installation of officers for 2025 for Baton Rouge on December 5th, New Orleans on December 12th and my club - Lafayette at our regular meeting on December 18th.

We are planning our Virtual Region Meeting in April. More to come on the exact date and details.

Volunteers are needed for several committees for our Region. I will be emailing the Presidents to solicit volunteers.

The ADDC Board of Directors will hold the 2025 Budget and Planning Meeting on January 25th. Please let me know if your clubs have anything that needs to be added to the budget for 2025.

Thank you to Angie Corvers, 2024 Southeast Region Director, for all her hard work and for spicing up our life with Desk and Derrick!

Looking forward to a great year!

Warmest Regards, **Jenniker**



"The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others" -St. John Chrysostom