

Desk and Derrick Club of Oklahoma City

# DERRICK LIGHTS

## ANNUAL REPORT

By: Marsha Gentry

For my President’s Report, I shared a few highlights, a few facts and a few thoughts.

We started our year with a round-table discussion to set goals for 2022, and air any complaints and suggestions. For Desk and Derrick Awareness Month, we had a rousing game of Family Feud between the Roughneck team and the Wildcatter team. Questions were all D&D trivia – and I can’t remember who won. April was a big month with our interesting field trip and lunch at the First Americans Museum. Four of us attended the Central Region Meeting in Wichita Falls, TX and reconnected with other Desk and Derrick members. In June, we viewed the first episode of the PBS series “The Prize”. Then, our Club did something that, to my knowledge, we’ve never done before. We took a two month summer break. For our September meeting, we invited nine former members to join us @ Johnnie’s, and three (plus one spouse) accepted. We bought their dinner and reconnected. Michelle and Wendy also gave a report on the 2022 ADDC Convention. This month of October, several members worked our Club’s booth at the 25<sup>th</sup> Oil & Gas Expo. This is such a great networking tool that is also fun – and you get all kinds of goodies!! That brings us to now – we’ve got a possible field trip in the works and a couple more meetings ahead.

Financially, we’re holding our own. Our treasury is down a little since the beginning of the year, but we still have operating capital. Thanks to our generous members participating in the 50/50, our Hospitality Fund continues to be self-supporting, and we’re able to continue the tradition of a monthly birthday gift card. We’re pretty much breaking even on our meals. I discussed our large fund raiser of the year – the Putting Contest at the Mid-Continent Invitational Golf Tournament. This is a large commitment by our Club, and we will need all hands on deck if we are to continue this tradition.

Our dwindling membership was then addressed, and I requested all members to get proactive in getting new members for 2023. I have names of people that inquired about membership while we were at the O&G Expo. They’ll get a letter and a 2023 membership application in December. We will send letters and applications to our past presidents. Those that have friends that might be interested - let’s get them a letter and application. We will get our ad placed with OK ENERGY TODAY for the month of December and maybe January. We all care about our Club. We are **ALL** on the Membership Committee. Let’s be one of the clubs in ADDC that increases membership during 2023.

<b>Table of Contents</b>	
Meeting Highlight .....	1
Editors Letter.....	2
Our Presidents letter.....	3
ADDCC Presidents Letter.....	4
Central Region Director’s Newsletter.....	5
Oil & Gas Expo /Field Trip....	6
Meeting invite/ winners.....	7
Fun Page .....	8
Event Calendar.....	9



**CLUB MOTTO**

“GREATER KNOWLEDGE - GREATER SERVICE”

**CLUB PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Club 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.

**ADDCC MISSION STATEMENT**

To enhance and foster a positive image to the global community by promoting the contribution of the petroleum, energy and allied industries through education, by using all resources available.



**Desk & Derrick Club of Oklahoma City**  
 Club Information • [www.deskandderrickokc.com](http://www.deskandderrickokc.com)  
 Association Information • [www.addc.org](http://www.addc.org)

**2022 OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT**

Marsha Gentry  
 Retired

**VICE PRESIDENT**

Tim Parrish  
 Enterprise Crude Oil LLC

**SECRETARY**

Michelle Burgard  
 Paycom

**TREASURER**

Marcy Ebert  
 Retired

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

Wendy Sparks  
 Carl E. Gungoll Exploration

**2022 DIRECTORS**

Taylor Rose  
 Enterprise Crude Oil LLC

Jamie Gilmore  
 General Dynamics

Debi Sheline  
 Retired

**PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Wendy Sparks  
 Carl E. Gungoll Exploration

***From the Editor,  
 Ann Mefford***

**November**

Wow we are almost half way through November and my calendar is over flowing with appointments and things to do. I have already got my family Christmas scheduled for December. I have so many things to do and it's a blessing to be so busy.

I am counting my blessings; my family, friends, and all the people I run into every day. I will make an effort to do as many acts of kindness as I can. Not just this time of year but, on a daily biases. A smile, a kind word these are ways to make our world better and cheer up people we may never run into again. What a better world it is when we all help each other.

I will look forward to seeing you all at our meeting this month. We are about to wrap up this year and I hope next year we will add new faces to our club.

Stock up on the coffee winter is coming and its time to get to baking for all the parties or just to share with friends.

*Ann  
 Have a blessed Thanksgiving!*

**BULLETIN**

Ann Mefford 405-570-9762 [audrymefford@gmail.com](mailto:audrymefford@gmail.com)

**EDUCATION**

**FIELD TRIP**

Board

**FINANCE**

Ann Nguyen 405-606-5474 [anguyen@eprod.com](mailto:anguyen@eprod.com)

**HOSPITALITY**

Kelsee Geringer 405-606-5405 [kgeringer@eprod.com](mailto:kgeringer@eprod.com)

**INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES**

Tim Parrish 405-606-4552 [tjparrish@eprod.com](mailto:tjparrish@eprod.com)

**MEMBERSHIP**

Tim Parrish 405-606-4552 [tjparrish@eprod.com](mailto:tjparrish@eprod.com)

**RULES**

Connie Price 405-706-3209 [conieprice1950@hotmail.com](mailto:conieprice1950@hotmail.com)

**WEBMASTER**

Tim Parrish 405-606-4552 [tjparrish@eprod.com](mailto:tjparrish@eprod.com)

**2022  
 COMMITTEE  
 CHAIRS**



**2022**

**PRESIDENT**

Marsha Gentry  
Retired

**VICE PRESIDENT**

Tim Parrish  
Enterprise Crude Oil LLC

**SECRETARY**

Michelle Burgard  
Paycom

**TREASURER**

Marcy Ebert  
Retired

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

Wendy Sparks  
Carl E. Gungoll Exploration

**DIRECTORS**

Jamie Gilmore  
General Dynamics

Taylor Rose  
Enterprise Crude Oil LLC

Debi Sheline  
Retired

**PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Wendy Sparks  
Carl E. Gungoll Exploration



**Marsha Gentry**

2022 President

11901 Pepper Tree Place,  
Oklahoma City, OK 73120

405-751-9095

mmg1964@currently.com

November 2022

Dear Members,

The October meeting was our Annual Meeting and election day (for our Club). I gave the President's Report and touched on some of our 2022 programs and activities, the state of our Club and challenged us all to recruit new/former members for 2023. We also had our Silent Auction. Thank you to all that contributed items and to all that shopped and purchased. This helps our treasury and is also FUN!

We are very fortunate to have dedicated members that served on our 2022 Executive Board and volunteered to serve in the same capacities for 2023. We should have a seamless transition LOL.

Speaking of 2023, the Central Region is looking for volunteers to serve as region representatives for the following committees: Guideline Review, Education/Certification, Public Relations, Tax Exempt, Contest, Leadership, Marketing and Technology. Please consider volunteering.

This month we will meet on **WEDNESDAY, November 16** at River Oaks Golf Club, 10909 Clubhouse Road, Edmond, OK (east on E. Hefner Road from I-35). Dinner will cost \$25 per person – no charge for "meeting only". Currently our plan is to watch episode 2 of "The Prize". I hope to see you there!

Marsha

*The more you practice the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for.*



### Philana Thompson

2022 ADDC President  
610 Reilly Ave, Farmington, NM 87401  
505-486-1171  
pthompson@merrion.bz

November 2022

### Board of Directors

#### PRESIDENT

**Philana Thompson**  
Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation

#### PRESIDENT ELECT

**Barbara Pappas**  
Cobra Oil & Gas Corp.

#### SECRETARY

**Wendy Sparks**  
Carl E Gungoll Exploration LLC

#### TREASURER

**Heather Woods**  
Souder, Miller & Assoc.

#### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

**Evelyn Green**  
GBC Minerals, Ltd

#### PARLIAMENTARIAN

**Nell Lindenmeyer**  
A-Plus Well Service, Inc

#### CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR

**Jamie Sabata**  
Gardner Cryogenics/Air  
Products

#### NORTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR

**Samuel Thomas**

#### SOUTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR

**Kathy Martin**  
Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc

#### WEST REGION DIRECTOR

**Ingrid Burton**

This year like all those in the past focused on membership, what I found to be the hardest to tackle are recruiting and maintaining membership! What I hear from our members are they do not feel comfortable suggesting or asking to do new things, they are not being given the opportunity to step up and learn and volunteer on committees or boards and when they do, they are being criticized for not doing it the right way.

Being a part of other non-profit organizations, I have had many great leaders share information and websites full of guidance, and these items really hit home:

- **Can't recruit new volunteers.** How many new volunteers have you had sign up within a month? It's a problem if your nonprofit struggles to find and retain volunteers. Volunteers are like employees: they won't do their best if they feel they're not appreciated. Volunteers want to feel as if they're a part of something big, not a dictatorship.
- **Current volunteers leave or don't show up.** volunteers want to feel appreciated. They also want to be a part of the organization by having their ideas listened to and discussed. If the nonprofit management team ignores volunteers, your organization won't stay open for long.
- **Decisions are hindered by too many decision makers.** If the nonprofit management team puts up obstacles and roadblocks every time something needs to be approved, the organization will fold. There's a time and a place to get approval from the board of directors. However, if qualified volunteers are questioned about this or that all the time, they'll walk and help another organization.
- **The organization is outdated, tired and old.** How long has the organization been in business? If it's been 10 years or more, it could be time to close or regroup. A nonprofit that hasn't kept up with the changing times is in danger of closing. **Why? Because there's one constant in life and that's change. If you're not changing, you're dying.**

Source: <https://savvy-writer.com/nonprofit-management/>

Just because something has always been done a certain way does not mean it has to continue to be done that way. Are we ready to step back and let those who are wanting to learn and serve take us to the next level! I want to give a shout out to Linda Rodgers & Nell Lindenmeyer for being just that, long time members who helped guide myself and others like me who wanted to give back to an organization that has done so much for us. They let me grow and make mistakes without criticism but were by my side to offer feedback and support. Who when I asked, "Can I make this change?" and they said, "You most certainly can!" I did not always do things like those before me, but I know those before me did what was best for ADDC during that moment in time for its members or we would not have made it this far.

Continued on page 6

## Central Region Director's Newsletter



**Jamie Sabata**

Central Region Director  
1621 N. Cain Ave Liberal, KS  
67901 620-655-6503  
jamie.sabata@gmail.com

### Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

**Philana Thompson**  
Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation

PRESIDENT ELECT

**Barbara Pappas**  
Cobra Oil & Gas Corp.

SECRETARY

**Wendy Sparks**  
Carl E Gungoll Exploration LLC

TREASURER

**Heather Woods**  
Souder, Miller & Assoc.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT **Evelyn Green**

GBC Minerals, Ltd

PARLIAMENTARIAN

**Nell Lindenmeyer**  
A-Plus Well Service, Inc

CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR **Jamie Sabata**

Gardner Cryogenics/Air  
Products

NORTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR

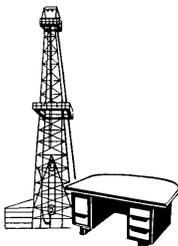
**Samuel Thomas**

SOUTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR

**Kathy Martin**  
Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc

WEST REGION DIRECTOR

**Ingrid Burton**



ASSOCIATION OF  
DESK AND DERRICK  
CLUBS

November 2022

Hello Central Region Members,

November is here! Time to plan your Thanksgiving meal! I sure hope you all have a blessed time with family and friends and making treasured memories too!

Congratulations to the new club officers! Don't forget to ask the past officers for help...they will help guide and mentor you through it. Also...please send your 2023 Club Officers forms in to Philana Thompson, Barbara Pappas and Val Williams as soon as possible.

Thank you to the members that have signed up to serve on the 2023 committee chairs and region representatives! Barbara and Val still have some open positions to fill, so please reach out if you have any questions about serving on one of those committees.

Esther Greyeyes and Philana Thompson are working on the AIMEE Contest rules and have a few changes. The due date has been extended and be on the lookout for that email. It will be coming soon!

Membership forms will be coming in the middle of this month. Please hand out to your club members to fill out and make changes. Let your members know that they can update their email, address and contact numbers on the website under the Member Corner tab and dropdown arrow to Profile. Again...don't forget to send a copy of your club transmittal forms to Philana Thompson, Barbara Pappas and Val Williams.

Thank you all for all you do for our association!

Love, Light & Blessings!  
Jamie Sabata

Continued from page 4

We need mentors to help these next generations find their own path and take this organization into the future! ADDC has so much to offer, and we have a great platform to continue to offer education about our industry, networking and building friendships for another 71+ years. We have the keys to the past and the future within our membership, as I said in my president’s report at convention, I will not go down without a fight. I am not ready to admit defeat because we are outdated, tired & old! Those coming up are the key to the future and we need mentors to guide them, not hold them back! With demanding jobs and family needs, who would want to put energy into something that provided no value, feeling ignored or not appreciated and not heard!

Combating membership decline will require forward-thinking and a willingness to change and adapt new policies and processes. Additionally, not every approach may work, so understanding that and knowing that we can always try a different approach if one does not work.

We will be sending out a membership survey soon we need your honesty, and we need your thoughts on how we move forward.

Prayers and Blessings!  
Philana Thompson  
pthompson@merrion.bz



October Oil and Gas Expo in Oklahoma City, OK where Governor Kevin Stitt presented the State Hat of Oklahoma. We want to thank all our Desk and Derrick members who worked our booth to promote our club. We had a lot of people take our information and hopefully we will have a new members in the new year. Always a wealth of information and fun day.



**Field Trip November 18, 2022, 10am**

Tour Phillips 66 Product Terminal  
4700 NE 10th St, Oklahoma City. OK 73117



Hello members – Phillips 66 has agreed to give The Desk and Derrick Club of OKC a tour of their products facility. The facility is mainly a gasoline terminal for distribution to retail stores in the Oklahoma City area, but they also make deliveries to Tinker and Will Rogers. The tour will last about one hour – depending on questions.

Send an e-mail to Tim Parrish ([tjparrish@eprod.com](mailto:tjparrish@eprod.com)) to reserve a slot for the tour. If you have any questions, please e-mail or call at 405-606-4552 (work).



**Lucky**



**Strike!**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### November

11/02 Marcy Ebert    11/02 Ginna Hawthorne  
11/12 Karen Hough    11/27 Wendy Sparks

### December

12/01 Ann Nguyen



Debi Sheline presenting our September birthday and 50/50 winnings to Michelle Burgard.



November 16, 2022 Membership Meeting

**River Oaks Country Club**

**109909 Clubhouse RD, Edmond OK 73013**

Dinner & Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Cost \$25 Meeting Only: No Charge

**Reservations must be received by noon on Friday, November 11, 2022**

Payment Must Be Made For Reservation

Send Reservations to: Ann Nguyen E-mail: [anguyen@eprod.com](mailto:anguyen@eprod.com)



NOVEMBER 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Autistics Speaking Day		Housewives Day	Bulletin Articles Due	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					Veterans Day	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Pickle Day		Members Meeting	Homemade Bread Day		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Red Mitten Day					
27	28	29	30			
	French Toast Day					

DECEMBER 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Articles Due Bulletin	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cookie Day			Cotton Candy Day		Christmas Card Day	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Members Meeting		Chocolate Covered Anything	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Hard Candy Day	Go Caroling Day				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>Merry Christmas</b>			Card Playing Day			