

Desk and Derrick Club of Oklahoma City

# DERRICK LIGHTS

## The Elephant in the Room

By Ann Mefford

August meeting was about “COVID 19 and how it has affected us”. I don’t think there is a single person in our club that has not been affected by COVID in some way.

Most our members have had a time when they have had to work from home and some still are. There are times when it is hard to reach people doing our jobs because they are working remote as well. A few of our members have also had family members, friends or themselves that had to take a pay cut to keep their jobs. Covid has caused a lot of financial hardships on people over the last year and half.

Our group has had experiences where someone has been admitted to the hospital and because of COVID no one was allow to be with them. This is one of the most painful times when you cant be with your loved one. I can not imagine the loneliness and heartache of the person who is alone in the hospital. Several of us have sat in our cars while a loved one had a medical procedure and had to endure it alone holding our phones waiting on the call “that all went well.” Experiencing the relief that they are fine and happy to drive them home again.

Most of us have known someone who has had or has COVID. A few members have had to quarantine after being told they came in contact with someone who tested positive. A few have actually had it.

We have all been in a group of people talking about it and some of us were comfortable to talk about our feelings and thoughts on it. I am sure we have all been the one person who had a different point of view but, rather than cause conflicts we just kept quite. If we are lucky we can have an adult conversation and express our thoughts.

The trends on what to do are very conflicting, some say get the shot and you’re protected, some say wear the mask any time you are out in public. If we listen to the media we will just get more confused because there are so may sides of the story. No one person knows for certain what really works and what doesn’t.

Our group will just keep washing our hands and doing the best we can to stay healthy and we will get through this. I am just so happy we are meeting again and seeing each other. Time will get us through this and hopefully we can all get back to normal one day soon.

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**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.

**ADDC 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.



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

**Fall**

This month has gone by fast and I must say I am happy about that. I had knee surgery and had to set around for two whole weeks.

One of the hardest things for me to do is set and do nothing. I am a person that this time of year I am working outside as long as I have daylight. So I had to settle with drinking coffee on my front porch swing and watching my birds and flowers.

I will be back to work soon and looking forward to doing normal things again. I am excited for the Oil and Gas Expo in October, I always have a fun time with our club and seeing everything. I also find good speakers from other exhibitors. I have tons of questions about our industry and there is no better place to explore it.

See you at our September meeting!

*Ann*

*Smile it makes people wonder what you are up to.*

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I hope everyone has had a great start to their fall. I'm really enjoying the cool morning and evenings.

The slate for our 2022 Board of Directors will be presented at the meeting in September...Our nominating committee (the board) found a member for each position. The incoming President will be looking for committee chairs in the next couple of months. Chairing a committee is the first step to eventually serve on our board. The club is made up of volunteers so we all must chip in to make it successful!

How many of you have Facebook? Have you "liked" our D&D Facebook book page? Also, there is a Central Region Page and an ADDC page. This helps keep up on all the things happening with other clubs in our area and gives us new ideas for field trips and education!

Our meeting in October will be for **Members Only**. We will be voting on officers, and I will be giving my much-anticipated annual report! Also, we will be having another SILENT AUCTION! Thank you in advance for bringing an item to help raise money for our club. You don't want to miss this!

We have sent out a signup genius for the Oil and Gas Expo coming up on October 14. We have two shifts that are available. Lunch is included.

#### Quick meeting date reviews:

**September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**October 19<sup>th</sup> BOARD**

**October 26<sup>th</sup> (Members only and silent Auction)**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> (a week early)**

**December 14<sup>th</sup> (a week early)**

*"And all at once, summer collapsed into fall" ~ Oscar Wilde*

*Best regards,  
Wendy*



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September 2021

This is a difficult letters to write to you, our Membership. I delayed my September letter because of what was happening in the beautiful city of New Orleans and State of Louisiana. Who knew that Ida was going to drop by Louisiana and say – *“Hey, I’m here!”*

The very hard decision to cancel our 2021 ADDC Annual Convention was made by the Board. We could not continue our plans to be together in New Orleans. Our first concern was for the many people of New Orleans and the surrounding areas. The hurricane left a large part of the state with no power, no water and flooding. Devastation has been widespread and it is going to be a very long recovery and return many of the services that we all depend on each and every day.

The reality of the situation was that we had to think of you, our membership, and what we thought was best for you. Not knowing exactly how much damage was done to the hotel, as it has been difficult to reach them without power, it was a necessary decision to make. Never would I have imagined that we would not be able to have an in-person meeting this year, especially after all that happened last year. But, here we are – cancelling our annual time to get together.

To the members of the Host Club, Westbank, and all of the members of the Southeast Region – thank you for all of your hard work preparing for all of the members to have been able to have a wonderful time in New Orleans.

Please NOTE - All members that had registered for the Convention will be receiving a full refund. If you paid through PayPal, your funds will be reimbursed to your account. If you paid by check, you will be receiving a check from ADO as reimbursement. I ask that you please be patient during this process. Please do not forget to cancel any and all of your reservations – hotel, airlines and car rental. You will need to cancel your hotel room because these were made by you individually with the hotel. Unfortunately we cannot cancel these for you.

To cancel your reservation, you may use the link below, which is the one that was used to make your reservations through the hotel. **Go online and use the following link for reservations:** (<https://book.passkey.com/e/50167145>) It will take you to the website where you made your reservation on line with Crowne Plaza Hotel, and in the upper right part of the site, there is a tab labeled “Manage your Reservation” where you should be able to cancel your reservation.

## Central Region Director's Newsletter



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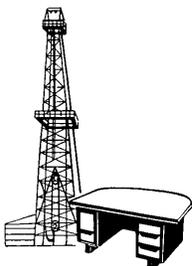
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 CLUBS

September 7, 2021

Hello Central Region! By now everyone should know that our 2021 ADDC Convention in New Orleans has been cancelled. This was a very difficult decision for the board to make, especially since it is the second cancellation in a row. We will be meeting next week to make arrangements for a virtual meeting to take care of the business to elect 2022 officers and vote on the amendments. Details will be sent out when arrangements have been made.

Filled up your car lately? This past weekend kicked off College Football Season. I was listening to my favorite team (Oklahoma Sooners – BOOMER SOONER) on the radio and heard a very interesting ad from OERB (Oklahoma Energy Resources Board). I went online to look for the wording of the ad. This ad, based on the article “Energy industry’s financial benefits measurable” written by Mindy Stitt, March 26, 2021, gave an interesting perspective that without our oil and gas industry, things would be even more expensive. The article states, “According to the White House Council of Economic Advisors, increased domestic oil and natural gas production, including right here in Oklahoma, saves American families an estimated \$2,500 annually. A majority of that savings comes from affordable, clean and reliable natural gas, which has helped lower electricity costs by 45% since 2007. These are huge impacts for the average family, especially during colder seasons in Oklahoma when many households rely on natural gas to heat their homes.

For lower-income families who spend a larger share of their household budget on energy costs, these savings are even more significant. Energy costs for these families can be as much as 7% of their monthly budget, which is more than five times the energy cost of higher-income families. The savings is even higher for Oklahomans. In 2018, Oklahoma electricity costs averaged 7.55 cents per kilowatt-hour, compared to the national average of 10.8 cents. Thanks to the ingenuity of the hardworking men and women of the Oklahoma oil and natural gas industry, we are fortunate to have access to lower household energy costs. While we all weather the ups and downs of the past year, I’m grateful that our state is powered by such a resilient, innovative and dependable industry.”

Where would we be without this valuable natural resource? Not just to help keep our heating and electricity affordable, but the good paying jobs, the taxes collected for education, that our industry provides to American families. Our pocketbooks are hurting with the price at the pump, which in turn increases prices at the grocery stores, the lumber yards, etc.

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Sept 23



Sept 24

Sept 26

Sept 27

Sept 29

Sept 30



Oct 1

Oct 2

Oct 4



Oct 5

Oct 7

Oct 9

Oct 11

Oct 12

### DATES TO REMEMBER

National Great American Pot Pie Day

National Punctuation Day

National Pancake Day

National Crush a Can Day

National Coffee Day

National Chewing Gum Day



World Smile Day

National Produce Misting Day

National Taco Day



National Apple Betty Day

National LED Light Day

Costume Swap Day

National Sausage Pizza Day

National Gumbo Day



### LET'S LAUGH (or groan)

Q: Why was the robot couple's anniversary in the fall?

A: They were autumn mated.



Q: How do you fix a broken pumpkin?

A: With a pumpkin patch



Q: Where do football players go when they need a new uniform?

A: New Jersey.



Q: What do you call a dude who really likes autumn?

A: A fall guy!



Q: What did the receiver say to the football?

A: Catch you later.





## New Orleans

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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JAZZ

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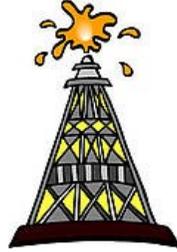
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**Lucky**



**Strike!**



Marcy Ebert and Marsha Gentry enjoying time at our meeting.



Debi Sheline our birthday lady with Ann Mefford our 50/50 winner.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## September

09/02 J Louise Fent

09/04 Marsha Gentry

09/13 Ruth Ford

## October

10/31 Casper Ghost

10/31 Frank N Stein

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This was just six months ago that this optimistic article was written. So much has happened since then. Shut down of the Keystone Pipeline, production restricted on federal land, dependency on foreign oil again, and now Hurricane Ida that has affected production that will take time to recover from.

But the politicians are telling us the number one problem in the world today is Climate Change. This seems to be the favorite tool to demonize our energy industry. More and more mandates are coming (all electric cars by 2035). Folks, our industry is under attack! Education is more important than ever to teach Americans the benefits of the oil and gas. It is the backbone of our economy! Yes, solar and wind energy is important, but at this point, it **does not** provide the energy to run the generators that are helping our fellow Americans survive without electricity from the destruction of Hurricane Ida.

Our motto, GREATER KNOWLEDGE, GREATER SERVICE – maybe more important now than ever!

As I write this letter, my emotions are everywhere with the economy, freedoms being eroded, COVID and now the never ending variants, the vaccination debate, the 13 soldiers we lost in Afghanistan and the turmoil that remains with the Taliban, the 9/11 anniversary coming up later this month, not to mention, the impact that all this turmoil has had on people's mental health - stress from jobs lost, marriages dissolved, increases in suicide, family relations strained, death of loved ones, and for many of our friends and associate members, recovery from storm devastation.

Perhaps I am not the only one struggling, so, I will close with this: Do what you can, where you can, and when you can. Speak up for our American values, for our critical industry, take extra care of yourself, be kind and "be there" for others, and hold fast to His hand. That's what I am trying to do.

Kay McKinley  
Central Region Director

### September 24, 2021 Membership Meeting

Packard's New American Kitchen  
201 NW 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73103  
Dinner & Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Cost \$26.00 Meeting Only: No Charge

Cash Bar

Jenna Robertson speaking on "Beating the COVID Blues".

Reservations must be received by noon on Friday, September 28, 2021

Payment Must Be Made For Reservation

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

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We will have a Virtual Meeting in the very near future, to conduct the business portion of our Convention. The Election of the 2022 ADDC Board of Directors as well as the voting on the Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws.

The Club Presidents will receive an email in the very near future with the date and the process of this meeting. The Delegates will be voting on all matters that come before the Assembly.

I ask that you please be patient as we get the details and logistics set up for the meeting.

Sad, yes that I won't be able to give each of you a Texas size hug in New Orleans. But I am very thankful that all of our Members in Louisiana and surrounding states are safe and sound. That is more important than anything – your safety.

Look for details shortly and hopefully we can at least see each other on the screen!

Thank you to the amazing 2021 Board of Directors.

Many, many hugs to all of you and thank you,

Evelyn

"Thank you for your support, your love and your understanding"

### Janet L. Peery Biography

#### President and CEO, YWCA Oklahoma City Our November Speaker

Janet L. Peery serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer for YWCA Oklahoma City, where she has provided leadership for over twenty years. She is a Certified Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Professional (CDSVRP). Known for her work to raise the awareness of violence against women in Oklahoma, Jan has worked to improve legislation and establish YWCA OKC as a leading provider in the state for domestic violence and sexual assault victim services.



During her tenure at YWCA OKC, "Jan" has established many victim-focused programs including YWCA OKC's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner forensic program, paving the way for the Sexual Assault Response Team and Domestic Violence Nurse Examiner forensic program for Oklahoma County. She helped establish YWCA OKC's Dating Violence Prevention Education Program, Children's Services, and specialized training for Domestic Violence in the Workplace. She also spearheaded the multi-million dollar campaign to build the new 28,000 square foot Thelma Gaylord Emergency Shelter.

Jan is a founding member of the Oklahoma Women's Coalition, and currently serves on the OU Medical Center Operations Council, Leadership Oklahoma City Alumni Board, OCU Meinders School of Business, and advisory boards for Palomar Family Justice Center, OK Commission on the Status of Women and Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. She has also served on the Board for the Homeless Alliance, Conference of Churches, and Mount Saint Mary High School, as well as, Co-Chair for Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation Hospital Patient Advisory Council, Legislative Co-Chair for the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and various regional and national committees.

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 NATIONAL LAZY MOM'S DAY	4
5	6 LABOR DAY	7	8	9 NATIONAL SCHOOL PICTURE DAY	10	
12	13	14 NATIONAL EAT A HOAGIE DAY	15	16	17 ARTICLES DUE FOR BULLETIN	18 NATIONAL CHEESEBURGE DAY
19 	20 NATIONAL CARE FOR KIDS DAY	21	22 AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S DAY	23	24 	25
26	27	28 MEMBERS MEETING	29	30 NATIONAL LOVE PEOPLE DAY	Notes:	

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 WORLD SMILE DAY	2
3 NATIONAL TECHIES DAY	4	5	6	7 NATIONAL FRAPPE DAY	8	9
10	11	12	13 NATIONAL TAKE YOUR PARENTS TO LUNCH DAY	14 OIL & GAS EXPO	15 ARTICLES DUE FOR BULLETIN	16
17	18 INTERNATION LEGGING DAY	19	20	21 NATIONAL PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE DAY	22	23
24	25	26 MEMBERS MEETING	27	28	29 NATIONAL CAT DAY	30 
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