

Desk and Derrick Club of Oklahoma City

DERRICK LIGHTS

Dragonfly Home

By: Michelle Burgard

For our December meeting we had the pleasure of having Halle Carr with Dragonfly Home speak to us about human trafficking in Oklahoma and how they help these individuals get back on their feet. Halle explained to us that she travels the state educating others on what trafficking is. Dragonfly Home helps individuals start over in a safe environment by helping them with housing, gas, necessities and food.

I learned that I did not have the correct understanding of what human trafficking is. Halle explained to us that it is not like the movies and tv shows with kids or teenage girls and boys being kidnapped and sold to someone abroad for sex or slave trade. So what is human trafficking here in Oklahoma? Human trafficking is when a person is traded for drugs, money or any other needs the trafficker has. We learned that human trafficking happens to many here in Oklahoma by a parent, guardian, family member or someone the victim lives with. This happens to kids as young as 5 years old to teenagers and older by building a relationship with the victim, building trust, coercion or use of violence to get what they want. If someone gives money or goods for sex that is trafficking. Due to the amount of lower income or individuals struggling to survive due to high crime, inflation, lower wages or medical issues, this has caused human trafficking to be higher in Oklahoma.

Dragonfly Home is working hard to help victims and to educate others on this growing issue in Oklahoma. Dragonfly Home is the only non-profit in Oklahoma City and central Oklahoma that is state certified by the office of the Attorney General to help victim-survivors. They were founded in March 2016 and received their certification in November 2016. Currently they have helped 900 victim-survivors and have fielded 8,000 phone calls since they started in 2016. They also opened a transition home in the fall of 2022. I could go on and on about what we learned. If you feel a calling to volunteer or help, please check out their website at www.thedragonflyhome.org. The amount of people we can help could be thousands!



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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*

2024 Here We Go!

A new year and new adventures for our club. We have members representing every level of the Desk and Derrick Organization! This is a great chance to have our voices heard and be involved even more.

I believe its time we kick the past out the door and start this year with a new sense of “doing”. We all need to start bring our friends and co-workers to our meetings. We should each be hunting for in-person speakers that will draw our members back to the meetings and revive our club. Let’s start looking at where we can get some field trips and get them scheduled and advertised to attract our members and guest to come.

I feel like I have just been going along with the flow and we need to do more than that to grow our club. Our organization has lost too many clubs in the last few years and we need save ours before it is too late.

Time for some coffee and start of a new way of thinking.

Ann

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January 2024

Happy New Year to all of you. I hope that you are beginning to warm up after two consecutive weekends of cold, freezing weather. Also, I trust that all of you and your families made it through this period without viral colds or calamity. Thankfully, the frigid weather will not interfere with our first monthly meeting on January 24, 2024.

The Club usually has a board meeting before the first membership meeting to iron out and approve committee details. Shame on me for neglecting this detail. I must remember that **future dates on calendars are closer than they appear**. I write that as I look out the window into fog still hanging in the air.

We, the Club, will continue to have our monthly meeting at On The Border, OTB, each month except the Summer months of July and August. OTB has served us well and I see no need to make change for the sake of change.

Marsha and the Board did a great job of bringing in several speakers to our monthly meetings in 2023 and a field trip to Ardmore. We will continue to bring in speakers to educate and enlighten us with the knowledge that they possess. Knowledge that propels the oil and gas industry to be the leading source of energy used throughout **THE WORLD**.

I want to thank each of you for two things today:

1. Reading this far
2. Being a member of The Desk and Derrick Club of OKC

This is a small Club, like so many others throughout the country, but with your help, patience and participation we can make this another positive year for each one of us.

Take care and be safe,
Tim

p.s. Invite someone to our next meeting.



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January 3, 2024

ADDC Membership

Happy New Year! I am very excited and proud to be serving you as your 2024 ADDC President.

I want to start by saying THANK YOU to those that have stepped up and committed to be our committee chairs this year! Several chairs are carrying over from last year, so we will have some experience at the helm. Thank you to all the Past Presidents as well that are helping to fill those positions!

Our 2024 Region Directors are looking for region reps to fill the committee positions. I think this is a great place to start to become more active in Desk and Derrick. These committees usually don't take up much time during the month and it is a way to learn something new! Please reach out to Michelle Burgard (Central), Shelly Hildebrandt (NE), Angie Corvers (SE), or Heather Woods (West) and ask them how you can help!

The ADDC Budget and Planning Meeting will be held via Zoom on January 27, 2024. This is where we plan for the year and brainstorm on ways to save the Association money. If you have any questions or ideas, please reach out to your Region Directors, and let them know before that date! They will be giving us updates.

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does"

-William James

Sincerely,
Wendy Sparks

Central Region Director's Newsletter



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Hello Central Region,

Wishing all of you a Happy New Year. I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and got to spend time with your families.

I'm looking forward to an exciting new year with all of you and look forward to getting to know all of you better and learning more about your clubs and how I can help with achieving your goals. For this year I have one goal. I want to hear all your ideas on how to increase membership in our clubs and how to encourage our existing members to stay. With things changing so drastically in our careers I challenge all of you to come up with one idea to help us improve a process. I look forward to growing our organization and improving where we can.

Thanks to Val Williams, 2023 Central Region Director for all her hard work and dedication to our region and ADDC. You are truly an inspiration to our Region and ADDC. Thanks, Val, for taking on the role of 2024 ADDC Convention GAC. I know you will do a fabulous job and it will be a great convention. I know you can count on all the Central Region members for help!

The ADDC Budget & Planning meeting will be Saturday, January 27th on Zoom. Please send me any information you would like to have brought up to the Board during this meeting. I will need to have your questions or concerns by January 19th so I can include them in my report. You are the ones who can help us improve and make changes.

Thanks to all the members who did take on the duties of Regional Representative this year. I'm still working on the list and will be sending out to the Presidents on what is still needed. Please email, text, or call me if you are interested in being a Rep for a Committee.

Congratulations to the 2024 Presidents and Officers, looking forward to a momentous year. Presidents, please make sure the New Club Officer Form ADO-31 has been submitted to ADO and me. Program Reports also need to be submitted one week after your monthly meeting to Diana Walker of the Wichita Falls Club.

The 2024 Central Region Meeting will be hosted by the Great Bend Club in Great Bend, Kansas and will be held on April 26-28, 2024, I will update next month on hotel in Great Bend, Kansas. More information will be included in next month's letter.

The 2024 ADDC Convention and Educational Conference will be hosted by the Central Region on September 24 -28, 2024 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Dallas, TX.

Please contact me at any time and for any reason. I will get back with you as soon as I can and will work my hardest to help!

Michelle Burgard,

2024 Region Director



2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD INSTALLATION

In a ceremony conducted by 2020 President Taylor Stafford, the 2024 Executive Board was installed at our December meeting. Taylor spoke a little about the duties of each office, and all agreed to accept their duties to the best of their abilities. 2023 President, Marsha Gentry, then presented the gavel to 2024 President, Tim Parrish.



Tim Parrish, President; Michelle Burgard, Vice President; Wendy Sparks, Secretary; Marsha Gentry, Treasurer; Directors: Marcy Ebert, Jamie Gilmore, Jamie Sabata

PARTYING AT "THE BORDER"

After all our business was taken care of, we were left to enjoy a story about Bob Right of the law firm of Right & Right who wanted to sue Santa. Christmas presents were being passed left, then right, then right again, then left, etc. We were all left giggling and in the Christmas spirit since Mr. Right did not prevail with his evil lawsuit.





Lucky



Strike!



January
01/06 Taylor Stafford
01/10 Tim Parrish

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February
02/14 Cupid



Not only did Jamie Sabata collect the December birthday gift card, she was also the winner of the 50/50 drawing. Congratulations, Jamie – December is your lucky month!

February 28, 2024 Membership Meeting

On the Border

120 S. Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City, OK

Dinner & Meeting at **5:30 p.m.**

Cost \$20 Meeting Only: No Charge

TBD

Reservations must be received by noon on Monday, February 26, 2024.

Payment Must Be Made For Reservation

Send Reservations to: Ann Nguyen E-mail: anguyen@eprod.com



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 25 Clashing Clothes Day
- Jan. 29 Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day
- Jan. 31 National Hot Chocolate Day
- Feb. 2 World Ukulele Day
- Feb. 3 Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
- Feb. 6 National Lame Duck Day
- Feb. 9 National Kite Flying Day
- Feb. 11 National Peppermint Patty Day
- Feb. 13 Tortellini Day
- Feb. 16 Tartar Sauce Day
- Feb. 22 Be Humble Day



LET'S LAUGH (or groan)

Q: Where do old quarterbacks go after retirement?
A: Out to pasture.



Q: What do you call a stationary flamingo?
A: A flaming-stay

Q: Why are cows bad at telling jokes?
A: They always milk the punchline



Q: What do you call a cheap dog accessory?
A: A dollar collar



Q: Why can't you trust a pig?
A: Because they always squeal on you

Find the Wildflowers

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- CARDINAL FLOWER
- PICKERELWEED
- BELLWORT
- CREEPING BELL FLOWER
- PITCHER PLANT
- BLACK EYED SUSAN
- FAIRYBELLS
- PRIMROSE
- BLOOD ROOT
- FIREWEED
- QUEEN ANNE LACE
- BLUE BEAD LILY
- FOAM FLOWER
- SOLOMONS SEAL
- BLUE BELL
- HONEYSUCKLE
- VENUS FLY TRAP
- BLUE EYED GRASS
- INDIAN CUCUMBER ROOT
- YARROW
- BLUE FLAG
- JACK IN THE PULPIT
- LADY SLIPPER
- BLUETS
- LILY OF THE VALLEY
- BUNCHBERRY
- MULLEIN
- BUTTER AND EGGS
- PARTRIDGE BERRY



January 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 7	1	2	3	4	5	6
14	8	9	10	11	12 Articles Due Bulletin	13
21	15	16	17	18	19	20
28	22	23	24 Members Meeting	25	26	27
	29	30	31			

February 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 ARTICLES DUE FOR BULLETIN	24
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
			MEMBERS MEETING			