

Desk and Derrick Club of Oklahoma City

DERRICK LIGHTS

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

By: Marsha Gentry

In accordance with our Bylaws, the Annual Meeting for 2025 was held on October 28, 2025 at our regular meeting spot – On The Border Grill & Cantina. This is the only meeting of the year that guests are not invited.

Our President, Tim Parrish, presented the Annual President's Report. This report is printed in its entirety on pages 6 of this *Derrick Lights*. Tim thanked the current officers and directors and gave a big shout out to Ann Mefford, Editor of *Derrick Lights*, and to Ann Nguyen, Finance Chairman, who is responsible for our monthly meeting reservations.

Tim made note that we started January as our 73rd year of education and influence in our industry and detailed by month our progression of this year through October. We have a subject in mind for our November educational meeting and have a community non-profit organization's representative lined up to speak at our December meeting. How will we celebrate Christmas at our December meeting? Stay tuned to find out.

After the President's Report, we had an in-depth discussion about the current ADDC proposed bylaw amendments and chose which way our Club should vote by majority vote of those in attendance.

It was then time for election of our 2026 officers and directors. President Tim Parrish presented the slate of nominees and asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. A motion was made to elect the current slate by acclamation, and that motion passed. Therefore, our current 2025 officers and directors (which made up the 2026 nominated slate) will continue their terms through the year 2026. Surprise!

Michelle Burgard presented Wendy Sparks, 2025 ADDC Distinguished Service Award winner, a framed photograph of a surprised Wendy receiving the award at ADDC Convention in San Antonio. Michelle also spoke about the qualifications of a Distinguished Service Award winner, and we all agreed that Wendy is very deserving. So, we celebrated with cake!

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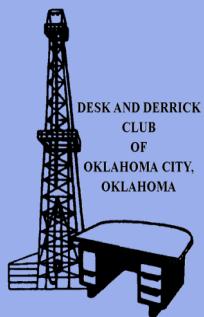
"GREATER KNOWLEDGE -
GREATER SERVICE"

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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Marsha Gentry
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2025 DIRECTORS

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Marcy Ebert
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Jamie Gilmore
 General Dynamics

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

Counting My Blessing

This has been an interesting year so far. We have had some health scares that we are over coming. I have been blessed to have time with my family and friends. This is just the life we live and we chose how we go through it.

We are going through the end of the year with a time of joy, for planning get togethers with family and friends. I am Looking forward to holiday events and experiencing the sights, sounds, smells and delicious treats that only happen this time of year.

I pray everyone has a great Thanksgiving and counts their blessings. Time is precious and we should cherish the family and friends and the joy they bring us.

Coffee time
Ann



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Good day to all my favorite D&D members. I hope that you are all safe (food and shelter) and sound (mentally and physically).

Our club membership will grow its membership next year with three people transferring to our club from the Tulsa Club. They are not sure how often they may be able to attend our membership meetings, but they have decided to remain a part of ADDC and join the OKC Club. Let us welcome Jill Klein, Barbara McCandless and Gay Wheeler.

Thank you to the members present in October. We had a good meeting at OTB where we held a *free and fair* election for officers and directors. With 100% of the ballots counted and certified, we have an election. **President: Tim Parrish. Vice-President: Michelle Burgard. Secretary: Wendy Sparks. Treasurer: Marsha Gentry. Directors: Marcy Ebert, Jamie Gilbert and Jamie Sabata.** I would like to thank the 2025 officers and directors and wish luck to the 2026 officers and directors. For some reason, I get a sense of *déjà vu* typing those election results and I hear Roger Daltrey singing, "Meet the new boss / Same as the old boss" from *Won't Get Fooled Again*. Hmm ... maybe, it's just me.

I wish all of you a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving.

Say goodnight Gracie,
Tim

p.s. Invite someone to our next meeting.



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Dear Members,

As November arrives, I hope each of you is enjoying the crisp fall air, the turning leaves, and the anticipation of the holiday season ahead. This month always brings a time of reflection and gratitude — and I am especially thankful for each of you who continue to serve, educate, and promote our great Association.

I would like to take a moment to remind everyone that **the mail ballot** for the proposed amendment — to reduce our Association from four (4) regions to three (3), by combining the Northeast and Southeast Regions — has been sent to **all Club Presidents**. Please remember that ballots **must be post-marked by December 1st to be counted**. This is an important step in shaping the future of our organization, and I encourage every club to participate in this decision. Once our Registrar Committee receives and confirms the ballot, we will ensure that all of you are notified of the outcome!

As we look toward 2026, President-Elect Evelyn Green is beginning to assemble her leadership team. If you have ever considered serving as a Committee Chairman, now is the perfect time to step forward! Your experience, enthusiasm, and ideas are what keep this Association strong and moving forward. Please reach out to Evelyn to let her know where you'd like to serve — every contribution makes a difference.

Finally, as Thanksgiving approaches, I want to wish you and your loved ones a season filled with warmth, joy, and gratitude. May we all take a moment to appreciate the blessings in our lives — including the friendships and shared purpose we've found through Desk and Derrick.

Until next month...

Kathy Martin

"If you're not getting outside of your comfort zone, then you're not growing." Chad Foster

Central Region Director's Newsletter



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November 2025

HAPPY TURKEY DAY! The leaves are starting to turn to their beautiful colors, and the temperature has started to drop. I can't believe it's already November. This year has flown by.

By now all club presidents should have received their mail ballots for the proposed amendment, for the Association to be reduced from four (4) regions down to three (3) regions. This would be combining the Northeast Region with the Southeast Region. Presidents if you have not received your ballots by now, please reach out to me or Evelyn Green at evelyn@gbcmminerals.com and we will make sure you receive your ballot. Please note that all the ballots **must be postmarked** no later than **December 1, 2025, to be counted**. Please take the time to discuss this with your membership as this is a particularly important vote. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Evelynn or myself.

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform the Central Region that we will be losing the Desk & Derrick Club of Graham. After lengthy discussions, the club came to an agreement and has decided to disband at the end of the year. I really hope that the members who are still active joins a nearby club.

As Evelyn Green is preparing to take on her new role as 2026 ADDC President, please reach out and offer a helping hand. I know she is still looking for Committee Chairman and Region Reps. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain experience and grow in this amazing organization! You will not regret it.

As we all know, November is a month to reflect on what we are thankful for. I would like to start off by thanking each and everyone of you for allowing me to serve as your Central Region Director. I hope I have served you all to the fullest. I could not have held this position without everyone's help. Thank you all for being such amazing friends!

I hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving. Those who are traveling for the Holiday, I hope you all have safe travels. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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2025 Desk and Derrick Club of Oklahoma City
Annual Report from the President to membership
by Tim Parrish, October 28, 2025

Good evening members. Welcome to an important day on our Club's calendar. Today, we elect new officers and receive a report from the Club's President.

The President would like to thank the 2025 Officers for their dedication and hard work to serve our organization. Thank you to Vice-President, Michelle Burgard, Treasurer, Marsha Gentry (also serving as IPP) and Secretary, Wendy Sparks. The President would also like to thank the Directors serving on the board. They are Marcy Ebert, Jamie Gilmore and Jamie Sabata. Two other people deserve recognition for their invaluable contribution to the Club. The President thanks Ann Mefford for the hardest part of the Club, creating our bulletin ***Derrick Lights***. Great thanks go to Ann Nguyen for serving as Finance Chair.

The Desk and Derrick Club of Oklahoma City has existed since 1952, which makes this year our 73rd year of educating and influencing. Just a few months ago in *January*, we began the 2025 cycle of our club with an extended meeting to take care some "housekeeping" tasks and talk about the upcoming year.

February was a different, if not special month in that we had an out-of-state guest speaker. Thanks to the efforts of Madam Vice-President, we had the executive director of Kansas Strong, Warren Martin, explain to us how the oil and gas industry is winning the hearts and minds of Kansans from border to border.

March was not kind to a few of our members. There were several deaths of family members to a couple of our club members. Illness had come over another club member and it was decided to skip the monthly meeting. God bless those who have passed and may God grant patience and love for the living.

April arrived just as predicted. The club used this month as our Desk and Derrick Awareness Month. With no skits by Connie and Vicki on the horizon we played Desk and Derrick BINGO! Debi Sheline played a great host while helping facilitate several rounds of BINGO!

The monthly meeting in *May* gave us a chance to learn about a field trip that four of our members took while attending the Central Region Meeting held in Tulsa. Those who attended the meeting were Michelle Burgard, Wendy Sparks, Jamie Gilmore and Jamie Sabata. Madam Vice-President found a video about the Tulsa Port of Catoosa, which was the main field trip for the Central Region Meeting.

Our meeting in *June* brought us to the mid-point of the calendar in our 73rd year as a club. Madam Vice-President brought us another excellent idea for a program. This month she found a video about how crude oil travels from the ground to your gas tank. The 20-minute video was titled "***From Extraction to Gas Pumps: The Full Gasoline Manufacturing Process.***"

July and *August*. It was summertime in Oklahoma. That means H – O – T. The club took off these two months to chill out and recharge.

If you like good presentations by well-spoken guest-speakers, then *September* would have been a good month to attend. We had Roland Headley from the fabled Tax Department at Devon Energy Corporation. The presentation was titled "***Ad Valorem Tax – Fun For The Whole Family.***" Again, Madam Vice-President secured the guest-speaker.

The club kicked off *October* by hosting a booth at the annual OERB Oil and Gas Expo held at the State Fairgrounds. We met a lot of people and told them about our organization. I don't know how many people were interested in the "cool kids club" (D&D), but one was interested. Joyce Bowen from Tulsa was interested enough that she went to the ADDC website and sent an information request that was sent to me. I had already sent her information in the mail along with her gift card. Unfortunately, the Tulsa Club has decided to disband at the end of this year, but some good news for Joyce is that she won our Hideaway Pizza gift card that was given away as a door prize. Those who attended the expo were: Michelle Burgard, Marsha Gentry, Ann Mefford, Tim Parrish, Jamie Sabata and Wendy Sparks.

That brings us to today, *October 28th*. When will hold an election for officers and directors. Polling conducted by Doug's Tire Shop and Antiques reveal a 100% retention of all officers' and directors' positions.

If yesterday is history, today is a gift, then that makes *November* and *December* a mystery. The President hopes to have a guest-speaker in November and has already secured a guest-speaker in December. Trish Winters from Breakthrough T1D formerly Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund.

2025 President Tim Parrish would again, like to thank the members, directors and officers that make this Club the BEST in the Oklahoma City metro.



HAPPY
Lucky
BIRTHDAY



Strike!

November

11/18 Members meeting
11/02 Marcy Ebert
11/27 Wendy Sparks

**Dates to
Remember**

December

12/9 Members meeting
12/01 Ann Nguyen
12/15 Jamie Sabata



Tim Parrish our 50/50 winner.

November 18, 2025 (Tuesday) 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

Reservations must be received by noon on Friday, November 14, 2025.

Payment Must Be Made For Reservation

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



LET'S LAUGH (or groan)



Q: What do you call a running turkey?
A: Fast food.

Q: What do you call a group of musical sweet potatoes?
A: A Yam Session.

Q: What do you need to have Thanksgiving S'mores?
A: Pil-grahams.

Q: How many bakers does it take to make a pie?
A: 3.14

Q: How do little pumpkins cross the road?
A: With a crossing gourd.

I love telling Thanksgiving puns!
That's just how eye-roll!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 11 Red Lipstick Day



Nov. 14 Pickle Day



Nov. 15 Rock Your Mocs Day

Nov. 18 Apple Cider Day

Nov. 19 Rocky & Bullwinkle Day

Nov. 23 Espresso Day

Nov. 28 Dine Over Your Kitchen Sink Day



Dec. 2 National Fritters Day



Dec. 3 Let's Hug Day

Dec. 6 Mitten Tree Day

Thanksgiving Word Search

Thanksgiving

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