

Desk and Derrick Club of Oklahoma City

# DERRICK LIGHTS

## Domestic Violence

By Ann Mefford

Janet L. Peery, President and CEO, YWCA spoke to us on Domestic Violence. Janet said, that the issued in not a women’s issue it’s a community issue. One in four women and one in nine men experience severe intimate partner violence, sexual violence and / or sexual violence, and stalking.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence study shows that nearly 10 million adults (about 20 people per minute) are physically abused. Abuse crossed all boundaries social, economic, educational, cultural, religious and many more. Nearly 2000 people are killed annually by Domestic Violence and another 480,000 injured most of them women and children.

Domestic violence does not happen in one day, it is an act that comes on gradually which is why the victims are so helpless to stop it. The abuser comes on as a nice person who wants to take care of the person they target. Then over time they start the mind games of making the victim feel it is all their fault and they deserve the abuse they receive. They are made to feel like they are nothing and have no power over their own lives. The victim is afraid to talk to anyone and the abuser controls their lives to the point where they are always being watched. The abuser is always looking for an excuse to attack. A bad day at work for the abuser becomes a night of being beaten for the victim because they must strike back at someone who is too weak to fight back. My abuser was smart and made sure that when he attacked the bruises don’t show. I was the one in four, thankfully that was a long time ago and I got out after only being in the situation two years.

I knew a woman I worked with a long time ago was so afraid she never talked to anyone. We all thought she just didn’t like anyone. Her husband was there as soon as she got off work to pick her up and she never went anywhere but, to work and home. No one would have known the hell she lived through if her husband had not died of a heart attack. It was such a huge change in her personality she came alive, and she talk to everyone and if there was a get together, she went. She told us he kept her locked up at home when she was not at work. She was beaten if he saw her talking to someone when she left work. She was another one of the lucky ones that survived.

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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***

**Merry Christmas**

December brings us to the end of the year. We have been able to meet in person every month this year. I hope that trend continues in 2022.

I am working on getting the house decorated and the presents ready for my kids and grandkids visit. I am getting the groceries bought and will be making cookies soon. I am still trying to figure out what to get hubby this year.

Even though this is the busy time of year, I still want to enjoy some quiet time at home. Christmas day will be a slow day with just the two of us and lots of coffee. Christmas is about spending time and enjoying one another's company for me.

I am looking forward to next year and hope we have lots on new members, field trips and guest speakers. It will be a great time for our club to grow and explore new things.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a blessed New Year.

*Ann*

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Tis the season!

Looking forward to our last membership meeting of 2021. We have had a great year and didn't have to miss a meeting for weather or COVID! We had some great in person speakers as well!

As the Immediate Past President, I will conduct our installation of officers for the upcoming year. The new board has made a commitment to fulfill our motto of "Greater Knowledge, Greater Service"

Tim Parrish, 2022 Vice-President and Membership Chairman is busy getting the 2022 renewal applications to all the members. Please get these renewals in ASAP as the deadline is March 1st.

Writing my last President's Letter is bittersweet; however, I am very excited about 2022 and serving as the ADDC Secretary again and the OKC Immediate Past President. So hopeful that our club will move FORWARD in a positive direction with fresh ideas and renewed spirits.

*"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy NOT on fighting the old but on building the new" ~Anonymous*

*Best regards,  
Wendy*



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December 2021

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, or Happy Kwanza – however you and your family celebrate the holidays. May you have a wonderful and joyous season.

It is very hard to believe that this is my last President's Letter! This year has gone by so quickly. It really feels like we just started 2021 and now we are in December - at the end of another year.

The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs has endured a great deal this year. With the pandemic, we have not been able to meet in person for most of the year, not able to have Regional Meetings or have our Annual Convention in person. But, with all of the hurdles that we have encountered this year – we remain strong in our goal to continue to support our industry and educate our members as well as educate the general public about the oil and gas industry. This, in itself, is an accomplishment with the downturn of the industry last year and this year – many members have lost their jobs due to downsizing, layoffs and many other factors. However, with members like each of you – we continue to strive to gain new members and remain a viable Association.

I urge you to renew your membership and continue to be a part of this great organization. Remember that you do not have to be in the industry to be a member of Desk and Derrick. Membership Renewals have been sent out to club presidents in November 2021. I hope that you have received your renewal and have returned it to your Club President. In 2022, hopefully, we can return to a somewhat normal year – being able to meet for our monthly meetings in person, being able to attend your respective Regional Meeting and have the opportunity to be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the 2022 Annual ADDC Convention. I miss the ability to visit, give hugs and just see each other face to face.

We are very fortunate to have the incoming 2022 Board of Directors and through their leadership, we will move forward with many ideas for each of you to expand your horizons and learn more about the oil and gas and allied industries. There are many committees Regional Representatives that are needed to fill the ADDC Committees. If you haven't volunteered, contact Philana Thompson, 2022 President to say you will help. This Association does not run solely on the Board, but it takes each member to continue to maintain the excellent organization that we are a part of – YOU are needed.

2021 has been a dream come true for me – to serve the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs as the President. Many, many years ago – 1979 to be exact, when I joined Desk and Derrick in Corpus Christi, I was in awe of many people who became my mentors. As many of them moved up the ladder in the Association, their guidance and encouragement were always there for me. After serving two (2) times as the Region IV Director (now part of the Southeast Region), I decided to follow my dream and run for the Board

## Central Region Director's Newsletter



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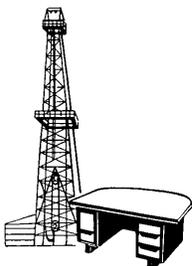
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 CLUBS

December, 2021

Every year, about this time, I get nostalgic about life and time and how quickly it passes. Maybe it was because friends and family helped celebrate my 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday (and just how did that happen!) yesterday and I am so humbled and blessed. I have also been so honored and blessed this year by being allowed to be the 2021 Central Region Director. Through this opportunity, I have made new friends and strengthened relationships with my “already” (not “old”) friends. I have learned so much about an entire new level of our organization by being a member of the ADDC board. Even after 32 years in Desk and Derrick, I gained appreciation and respect for what the ADDC Board officers do that I never realized before this year. Thank you, Central Region, for making this a most memorable year.

With that, here it is my final letter as Central Region Director. I can think of so many clichés such as:

“Where has this year gone?”

“Time flies when you’re having fun” (Albert Einstein)

“Half our time is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save”, (fellow “Okie” Will Rogers)

“Life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer you get to the end, the faster it goes.” Andy Rooney. – My personal favorite.

I want to use this opportunity to say heartfelt “thank you” to Evelyn Green, and the rest of the ADDC Board for teaching, helping, correcting, and being patient with me through the year.

I am also grateful to each Central Region member who did ANYTHING for our region. Whether it was an encouraging note, or finding a speaker, entering a submission for the Aimee contest, inviting a friend, volunteering for a committee (whether in your local club or at the Region level) in what can only be described as a difficult year for all of us with Covid restrictions. The year didn’t go as I envisioned, but we tried to make the best of it and I appreciate the personal support of the Club Presidents, Michelle Burgard, our Treasurer, Sharon Hiss, Parliamentarian, and Jamie Sabata, our 2021 secretary and 2022 Central Region Director, all Committee Volunteers, and all members! Also, a very special “thank you” to Jamie Sabata, who certainly didn’t take 32 years to step forward to serve as our Central Region Director in 2022. You will do great and we look forward to 2022 with you as the director. You ALL have certainly “made a difference” and “were the difference” in Desk and Derrick this year and a tremendous difference to me.

There are a couple of business items I need to share and remind to end the year. It is with great regret that I share with you that Donna Taylor has informed me of the disbandment of the Dallas Club. It is my hope that many of the Dallas and Enid members will join another club and continue on with ADDC. We just aren’t the same without you!

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I mention this journey, my dream, as a reminder that each and everyone of you can achieve the same. If you want to be a Regional Director or move up in the Association for one of the other offices on the Board – don't let anything keep you from realizing your dream or goal. When you are asked to volunteer – raise your hand and go for it!

*Thank you, thank you and thank you* for your support, encouragement, kind words and love during this year and all the years past. I am so fortunate to have each and everyone of you in my life and circle of wonderful friends. I want you to know that I am always here to help in any way I can. I want to give back to this Association and industry that I have been a part of for 43 years.

Again, I wish you and your family the very merriest of the Christmas season. May you be blessed ten-fold in the new year.

Many, many hugs to all of you,

Evelyn

“My life is so blessed with some of the most amazing people.  
Thank you for being part of my journey”

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Children are the littlest victims of Domestic Violence and experience stress, anxiety, increasing fear. Most of them have seen their mothers abused and 33% of them have seen their mothers killed. Girls in the home of Domestic Violence are six times more likely to be sexually abused when the mother is abused in the home. 70% of child abuse deaths reflect a pattern of abuse against the mother.



The YWCA of Oklahoma City has a program to care for the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. They provide H.O.P.E for victims by Healing from the trauma and tools for coping. Opportunities in training and services to help with skills needed to re-enter the work force. They include job training, financial literacy, and employment readiness. Prevention helping teach young people about boundaries, healthy relationships, and consent. Education and Outreach training for local businesses, government agencies, law enforcement and other groups. Teaching them how to safely act when they encounter domestic violence in the workplace.

If you know of someone who might be suffering from abuse, please have them call the **Domestic Violence Hotline 405-917-9922**

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Dates to remember:

Send in your Aimee entries. All material must be printed, written, and/or presented by and to clubs during the December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021 time period and entry MUST be postmarked by December 16. Forms and instructions have been sent to club presidents. We want Central Region to rock in 2022!

Please make sure your club's ballot for the student membership fee proposal is mailed to Sue Weaver by December 20th.

In closing, and reflecting through this year, with all the craziness going on in this world right now, especially in our political, economic, and industry realms - for me, this stanza from one of my favorite hymns is where I hang my anchor.

Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand.

Hold tight and take the time to make a difference in someone's life. Let's get through this together.

Jamie – it's all yours!

Katy McKinley  
2021 Centra Region Director

### December 14, 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

Reservations must be received by noon on Friday, December 10, 2021

Payment Must Be Made For Reservation

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

**Lucky**



**Strike!**



50/50 Winner Michelle Burgard with Debi Sheline.

November Birthday winner Wendy Sparks



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



**December**

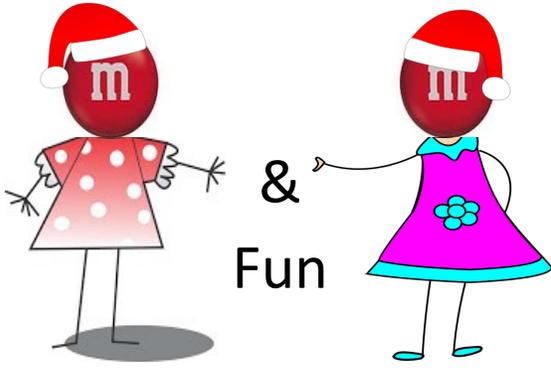
12/01 Ann Nguyen

12/14 Jenny Adkins

**January**

01/06 Taylor Rose

01/10 Tim Parrish



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 12 Ding-a-ling Day

Dec 15 Cupcake Day



Dec 17 Underdog Day

Dec 20 Sangria Day



Dec 23 Metric Conversion Day

Dec 28 Chocolate Day



Dec 29 Falling Needles Day

Jan 4 National Spaghetti Day

Jan 6 Bean Day



Jan 8 Bubble Bath Day

Jan 11 Learn Your Name in Morse Code Day

## LET'S LAUGH (or groan)



Q: What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?

A: An abdominal snowman.

Q: What are the best Christmas sweaters made from?

A: Fleece Navidad.



Q: What do reindeers say before they tell you a joke?

A: This one's gonna sleigh you!

Q: What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?

A: A Holly Davidson!



Q: What's corn's favorite holiday?

A: New Ears Day.

Q: What's the best New Year's resolution?

A: 1080p.



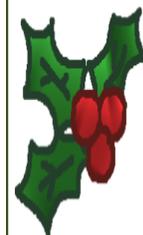
Q: What's a New Year's Resolution?

A: Something that goes in one year and out the other.

## Christmas Word Search

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CHRISTMAS  
ELVES  
HOLIDAYS  
LIGHTS  
MISTLETOE

PRESENTS  
REINDEER  
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TREE



December 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2 NATIONAL MUTT DAY	3 ARTICLES DUE FOR BULLETIN	4
5	6 NATIONAL MICROWAVE OVEN DAY	7	8 	9 NATIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD DAY	10	11 
12 	13	14 MEMBERS MEETING	15	16 	17 NATIONAL UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY	18
19	20	21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER	22	23	24 	25 Merry Christmas
26 NATIONAL THANK YOU NOTE DAY	27	28	29 	30	31	

JANUARY 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 SCIENCE FICTION DAY	3	4	5 NATIONAL BIRD DAY	6	7 	8 BUBBLE BATH DAY
9	10 CLEAN OFF YOUR DESK DAY	11	12	13 	14 RUBBER DUCKY DAY	15
16	17 M L King Day	18	19	20 CHEESE LOVERS DAY	21 	22
23	24	25 MEMBERSHIP MEETING	26	27	28 BLUEBERRY PANCAKE DAY	29 
30 	31 HOT CHOCOLATE DAY					