

Desk and Derrick Club of Oklahoma City

# DERRICK LIGHTS

## The Prize

By: Tim Parrish

The Prize: The Epic Quest for oil, Money, and Power – Part 2, Daniel Yergin, 1990

1992, Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction

[The Prize Part 2- Empire of Oil \(Official Video\) 2 of 8 - YouTube](#)

Our November meeting at River Oak’s Country Club in NE OKC was highlighted by a Thanksgiving inspired dinner and viewing part 2 of the 1992-93 PBS documentary *The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money, and Power* on YouTube. A book by the same name was written by Daniel Yergin and published by Simon & Schuster in 1990.

Part two starts in the Russian influenced capital city of Baku in Azerbaijan on the Caspian Sea. There, a man named Ludwig Noble, from Sweden, and eventually the co-originator of the Nobel Prize bought and was operating an oil refinery. Ludwig was known in the region as the Russian Rockefeller in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Through modern methods and new technology Nobel turned his refinery into the premiere Russian oil company at the time. He was so revered that his colleagues came to be known as *Nobel-ites* for their comradeship and like-minded business practices. By 1890, the Nobel Family had transformed Baku and the Caspian region into a thriving oil center with nearly 200 refineries, which supplied ½ of the oil to the Russian market. The 2<sup>nd</sup> largest producer was the Rothchild Family from France.

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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***

**December**

This year is quickly coming to an end and it's a good time to reflect on all the good things that have happened this year.

We have been able to meet in person and go on field trips. We have plans for more trips next year. We're having a Christmas party on Wednesday the 14th and we're having a speaker from the Infant Crisis Center. It also gives us a chance to help out someone else we may never meet.

So enjoy the holiday, call or visit someone you know. Share the blessing you have been given and make the days ahead special for someone else. Hug your friends and love ones and make new happy memories.

Time for coffee and to get my Christmas cards done.

*Ann*

*Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!*

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Dear Members –

This is the 12th of 12 President's Letters for this year. I'm not sure what happened to 2022, but it is almost history! As you can see from the picture above, I've had a chat with Santa and told him that every one of you have been good.

If you haven't completed your Membership Renewal Form, please get 'er done and give it to Tim at next week's meeting. And, again, let's all put some effort into recruiting new/former members.

This month, our membership meeting will be held, Wednesday, December 14 at River Oaks Golf Club. We are starting a little later than usual – 6:00 p.m. Our speaker, Riley Benson, will be from our chosen charity, Infant Crisis Services. I just bought a bunch of baby wipes and sippy cups yesterday. I hope you're able to help our Club add to the Infant Crisis Service's pantry.

We will also enjoy a voluntary gift exchange. If you want to join in, bring a \$25 gift and join in the gift exchange. We will have fun!

Best of wishes to you for a Merry Christmas and Happy 2023. Hope to see you on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

*Marsha*

*"and, nothing was stirring, not even a mouse"*



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### December 2022

As I begin to wind down my year as President of ADDC I am reflecting on what the board was able to accomplish, the things that are still in progress and what we were not able to address in what seems like a very short year!

The time flew by faster than I could keep up! With the world seeming to start spinning faster coming out of two years of pandemics, natural disasters, and our industry's roller coaster, trying to catch up on things that were put on the back burner plus the current processes was not an easy task for this organization to stay ahead of! BUT I can tell you this 2022 board did a fabulous job of tackling some hard tasks and trying to see this organization into the future.

Reading some of the responses to the survey, majority of the folks in this organization are not ready to give up! They see the value of ADDC and what it stands for, we simply must figure out innovative ways to provide what our purpose is, which is a "premier provider of energy education and professional development". We will never see those days of 5000+ members, but times have changed, and this organization should adapt to that change!

The survey is still open to those who did not have the opportunity to take it, please take 5 minutes of your time and provide your honest feedback! Your 2023 board will be looking at your responses and how we can help the association into the future!

<https://forms.gle/xX6rLF1HN6m3ShDU7>

I personally have many goals and tasks to continue to work on in 2023 and beyond for ADDC. For anything to "get better, grow, or adapt continuous process improvement is a major factor, and I am not done!

I want to thank the 2022 Board of Directors, Club presidents, committee representatives and members for providing honest feedback, guidance, and support throughout this year! I also want to provide a special thank you to Nell Lindenmeyer, Linda Rodgers and of course the Farmington Club for your support and love during not only this year but my entire journey thus far!! God always has a plan and this path he sent me on has helped me grow not only in my career but my personal life as well!!

Prayers and Blessings!

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## Central Region Director's Newsletter



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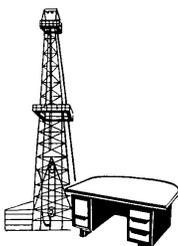
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December 2022

Hello Central Region Members,

December is here! Time to get your Christmas list done if you haven't already! I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I would like to thank all the clubs in the Central Region for allowing me to be your 2022 Central Region Director. It has been such an honor and learning experience and I appreciate all the support and guidance from you all!

Contest Committee info: The due date is January 1<sup>st</sup> for submittal and it will be done electronically, no paper copies will be accepted so no need to worry about mailing delays or printing. Yay! This will be so much easier for us all! I have also emailed out this info to the club presidents.

All the clubs should have all the new officers set, so don't forget to send your 2023 Club Officers forms in to Philana Thompson, Barbara Pappas and Val Williams as soon as possible.

Secondly, all the clubs should have received the 2023 membership renewals. Please fill them out and make changes if needed. 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 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.

Lastly, Val Williams will take over as the 2023 Central Region Director. She is a great leader and will do an outstanding job. I encourage you all to support her in anyway you can. Val—it's all yours dearie!

Love, Light & Blessings!

*Jamie Sabata*

## INFANT CRISIS SERVICES

The Infant Crisis Services was born out of a Sunday school class desire to do something to assist parents that struggle to provide necessary essentials to their little ones. Today, their reach is city-wide from their headquarters on Lincoln Boulevard and their Babymobile operating within our city. This organization uses a three-pronged approach to maintain their four core values of compassion, kindness, respect and love.

No. 1 is RESCUE – to be a place of comfort and respite for babies and toddlers ... and their families.

No. 2 is FEED – to be sure that their clients leave with a week's worth of food and formula plus clothing and other needed (depending on supply) items.

No. 3 is CONNECT – their clients also receive information about other community resources. Their full-time Manager of Client Services is available to meet with them to provide information on additional resources.

Riley Benson will be at our December meeting to share more information about the Infant Crisis Services. If you want to help this wonderful organization, refer to the “wish list” sent to you earlier and bring your contributions to our December meeting.

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In 1897, Marcus Samuels formed Shell Transport and Trading Company. Samuels would attempt to stage a business coup (execute many plans at one time) against Standard Oil. He formed a plan to beat Standard Oil, the world-wide leader in oil production, at its own game. At this time, kerosene was the main product derived from crude oil. It was used to light and heat homes across the industrialized world and Standard Oil had 80% of the global market.

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Just across the English Channel in The Hague was a small company with a grand name, Royal Dutch. Royal Dutch was formed to exploit the national business interests in the Dutch East Indies (Sumatra and surrounding islands). There were many simmering problems in the East Indies that would confront Royal Dutch. In 1882, natives attacked a Dutch colonist's compound injuring and killing many and destroying building. Royal Dutch feared another attack might lead to oil fields being burned. Unless the conflicts were stopped the Royal Dutch business would be doomed. The Dutch colonial government moved swiftly to suppress the rebellion. It has long been speculated that this was the first conflict fought over oil. Despite setbacks and problems, the oil flowed and the enterprise was underway.

In 1900, a 34-year-old Dutchman named Henri Deterding became the second executive of Royal Dutch. He later became known as the greatest oil man *after* Rockefeller. Deterding immediately faced challenges <queue Star Wars The Imperial March> from Standard Oil which was trying to break into oil operations in the Far East. In the island nations of Indonesia sultans were getting rich by selling oil to Royal Dutch. The Dutch colonists had an agreement with sultans to sell their oil to Dutch companies, but Standard Oil had begun to setup Dutch named companies to trick the sultans into selling the oil to them. Shell, already doing business in Sumatra, was not seen as a threat as was Standard Oil, so they drilled nearly side by side.

In 1902, Marcus Samuels became mayor of London, a position that he had long coveted. This position was costly, though. He neglected his role with Shell Transport and Trading Company. After some discord and business failings on the part of Shell, Samuels decided to propose a joint venture with Deterding, who had become a friend to Samuels in the prevailing years, but that didn't matter to the Deterding and Royal Dutch. They were not interested in a joint venture. They wanted controlling interest in a reformed company.

Royal Dutch, the small company with the big name, knew they could plod along without Shell, but Shell carried with it an unmistakable advantage. Shell had the protection of the English Royal Navy, the largest, most powerful Navy in the world. After months of negotiations between Samuels and Deterding there came a day when Deterding was tired of the slow negotiations that he told Samuels, "I am in a good mood today. We (Royal Dutch) will take a 60-40 interest. That is my final offer." Samuels took the offer and Royal Dutch Shell was formed in 1907.

After the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Standard Oil was a monopoly and was to be broken up Royal Dutch Shell made their move into the American market. This led them to become the largest oil company in the world for many decades.



**Lucky**



**Strike!**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## December

12/01 Ann Nguyen

12/15 Jamie Sabata

## January

01/06 Taylor Rose

01/10 Tim Parrish



Jamie Gilmore with Marcy Ebert our November Birthday winner.

Taylor Rose presented 50/50 winnings by Jamie Gilmore.



**December 14, 2022 Membership Meeting**

**River Oaks Country Club**

**109909 Clubhouse RD, Edmond OK 73013**

Dinner & Meeting at **6:00 p.m.**

Cost \$25 Meeting Only: No Charge

**Reservations must be received by noon on Friday, December 9, 2022**

Payment Must Be Made For Reservation

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



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 12 Poinsettia Day



Dec. 14 International Monkey Day

Dec. 17 National Maple Syrup Day



Dec. 19 Oatmeal Muffin Day

Dec. 22 National Date Nut Bread Day

Dec. 27 Make Cut-Out Snowflakes Day

Dec. 28 Play Cards Day



Dec. 31 Make Up Your Mind Day

Jan. 3 Festival of Sleep Day



Jan. 6 Bean Day



Jan. 8 Bubble Bath Day

Jan. 10 Houseplant Appreciation Day

Jan. 13 National Rubber Duckie Day



### LET'S LAUGH (or groan)

Q: What's a treat for both cows and dogs?

A: A milkbone.



Q: What's a duck's favorite ballet?

A: The Nutcracker.



Q: What do you call a tiger running a copy machine?

A: A copycat.



Q: Why did the frog have such a long face?

A: He was unhoppy.



Q: What do you call a hairless Poodle?

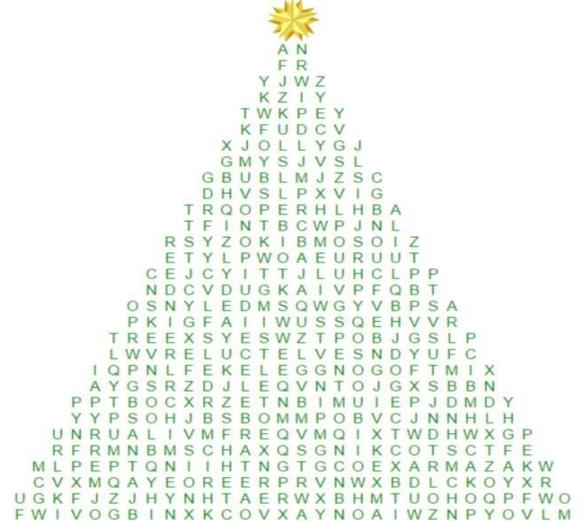
A: A Noodle.



Q: Which farm animal is best at karate?

A: The lamb chop.

### Christmas Word Search



- BELLS
- CELEBRATE
- MERRY
- STOCKINGS
- EGGNOG
- MISTLETOE
- WREATH
- TREE
- CHIMNEY
- ELVES
- JOLLY
- REINDEER
- SLED
- SANTA

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
Merry Christmas			Card Playing Day 			

JANUARY 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Year's Day 				NATIONAL BIRD DAY		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					ARTICLES DUE FOR BULLETIN	DRESS UP YOUR PET DAY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	M L King Day			NATIONAL POPCORN DAY 		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			MEMBERS MEETING			
29	30	31				
PUZZLE DAY 						