# THE LONE STAR

# **PIPELINE**

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# **Our Purpose**

The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC) is a non-profit, international organization whose purpose is 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.

#### **Our Mission**

Our mission is 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.

# Senators Block Fracking Bill

Some politicians in New York are back at it again, pushing the agenda of activists opposed to responsible oil and gas development over the facts. This week, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) introduced amendment 48 to the Keystone XL Act, which would remove what activists call "the Halliburton Loophole." The amendment failed to receive the necessary votes to move forward. The irony, of course, is that "loophole" doesn't exist. For some background, the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), and more specifically the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program, regulates wastewater disposal from a variety of processes, including hydraulic fracturing. However, SDWA - which has been in effect since 1974 - was never designed to cover the hydraulic fracturing process and has never included it. When the so-called "Halliburton Loophole" is discussed, what people are actually referring to is a 2005 bipartisan energy bill that re-affirmed existing law under SDWA and continued to allow states to regulate the hydraulic fracturing process as they have always done. Even a decade prior to the 2005 energy bill, then-Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Carol Browner made it clear that EPA does not regulate hydraulic fracturing:

"The fracturing of methane gas production wells is not an injection operation subject to regulation under the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program. ...EPA does not regulate – and does not believe it is legally required to regulate – the hydraulic fracturing of methane gas production wells under its UIC program." (emphasis added)

Far from being "exempt," the oil and gas industry is required to comply with no less than eight federal regulations, in addition to stringent local and state requirements, as highlighted in a recent report from the Government Accountability Office. These include the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) (for disposal wells); Clean Water Act (CWA); Clean Air Act (CAA); Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA); Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA); Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

On the state level, in Pennsylvania alone — the state which holds the bulk of the Marcellus Shale that Senator Gillibrand's home state decided not to develop — the industry abides by numerous regulations and safety standards. According to



# **Meeting Information**

#### Fast Facts:

- Our meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 6:00PM at the Royal Oaks Country Club. (7915 Greenville Ave | Dallas, TX 75231)
- The cost of dinner is \$30, cash or checks made payable to Lone Star Desk and Derrick Club of Dallas | RSVPs must be made by the second Tuesday at 10:00AM unless otherwise stated.
- Prior to the meeting, there will be a Social Hour from 5:00-6:00PM with a cash bar.
- Questions? Please direct inquiries to lan W. Stageman at <u>istageman@cortezoil.com</u>



Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP):

"Oil and gas exploration is regulated under the state's oil and gas laws (Oil and Gas Act, Coal and Gas Resource Coordination Act, and Oil and Gas Conservation Law) and the environmental protection laws that include the Clean Streams Law, the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, the Solid Waste Management Act, the Water Resources Planning Act and the Community Right to Know Act."

The DEP is also just one of many regulatory bodies in the state. In addition to federal laws from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife Service, Army Corps of Engineers, Occupational Health & Safety Administration, and others, operators in the state also abide by regulations under the County Conservation District, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, Delaware River Basin Commission, Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission, and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Council. Most importantly, these overlapping regulations are ensuring that oil and gas development in the Marcellus and beyond continues to occur in unison with environmental protection across the nation. As Interior Secretary Sally Jewell recently stated, "it [fracking] is being done safely and responsibly." With regard to water contamination concerns specifically, experts and regulators alike have found time and again that fracking has not contaminated groundwater. For instance: According to Ernest Moniz, Secretary of U.S. Dept. of Energy, "To my knowledge, I still have not seen any evidence of fracking per se contaminating groundwater." A recent report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) stated, "[R]egulatory officials we met with from eight states - Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Texas - told us that, based on state investigations, the hydraulic fracturing process has not been identified as a cause of groundwater contamination within their states."

According to a 2014 landmark study by the S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) that injected tracers into the hydraulic fracturing fluid in a well in Greene County, Pennsylvania to track for any signs of possible migration, "Current findings are: 1) no evidence of gas migration from the Marcellus Shale; and 2) no evidence of brine migration from the Marcellus Shale."

As Lee Fuller, Executive Vice President of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, stated in E&E News prior to the vote, Amendment 48 "undercuts the work, investment and dedication America's oil and gas industry puts toward complying with the wide array of existing state and federal laws to ensure the continued health of our environment and groundwater." Fortunately, the amendment failed to receive the necessary votes to move forward yesterday, indicating that the majority of congressional leaders from both sides of the aisle understand that hydraulic fracturing is occurring safely across the country while protecting our precious water supplies and creating new economic and environmental opportunities for all Americans.

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# Speaker Bio | Ms. Erin Rolstad

Erin Rolstad is Corporate
Counsel for Silver Creek Oil &
Gas, LLC in Irving, TX. Prior
to joining Silver Creek, Erin
was Senior Staff attorney with
Matador Resources Company
and Division Counsel with
Chesapeake Energy.



Erin received a B.A. in Political Science from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario and a Master's of Education degree from Milligan College in Tennessee. After teaching elementary school in Tennessee for 4 years Erin pursued a law degree at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, graduating cum laude.

Ms. Rolstad's presentation will cover current and pending legal issues in oil and gas development such as royalty litigation, endangered species, frac bans/moratoriums and air quality.

Ms. Rolstad's presentation for the February meeting is titled, "Trending Legal Topics in Oil & Gas."

# March Speaker | Mr. Don Bailey

Our Speaker for March will be Mr. Don Bailey with William M. Cobb & Associates giving a presentation titled, "Drilling for Chocolate."

# April Speaker | Mr. William King

Our Speaker for April will be Mr. William S. King with Keane Unclaimed Property giving a presentation titled, "Unclaimed Property and Escheat: The New Frontier."

#### **Dates to Remember**

# **Membership Meetings**

Thursday, February 12th | 6:00PM

Thursday, March 12th | 6:00PM

Thursday, April 16th | 6:00PM

# **Board Meetings**

Tuesday, February 17th | 6:30PM
Tuesday, March 17th | 6:30PM

### **Other Events**

Region IV Meeting

April 8-12, 2015 | San Antonio, TX

Second Annual Lone Star Clay Shoot

October 2, 2015 | Dallas Gun Club



# **Texas Energy Council Update**

TEC is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to serving the educational needs of the energy industry in Texas.

TEC accomplishes this mission through two primary activities: (1) providing scholarships to undergraduate or graduate students in energy related degree programs and (2) organize an annual symposium at the George W. Bush Presidential Center to present ideas and discuss



issues impacting the industry. Last year TEC awarded 11 scholarships, while the Symposium attracted speakers from the British Columbia to Mexico.

This year's 7<sup>th</sup>. 2015 a

symposium will be held May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Bush Library (more information to follow). You can help support the symposium by asking your companies to become a sponsor. This is a great time to get positive publicity for your company, as well as helping to educate the next generation of energy professionals!

For more information on the Symposium and Sponsorship levels, or information about past symposiums, visit TEC's website at www.texasenergycouncil.org or contact John Ezell at jezell@huntconsolidated.com.

A special thanks to John Ezell for submitting this information to the Lone Star Pipeline.

# Why Cheaper Oil Doesn't Always Lead to Economic Growth

#### **IAN TALLEY & BRIAN SPEEGLE**

Tumbling oil prices were supposed to boost growth in a host of major oil-importing economies. It isn't necessarily working out that way.

Some governments have moved already to shore up their revenues by raising gasoline taxes or cutting fuel subsidies. At the same time, falling oil costs have pumped up deflation fears across Europe and Japan, adding to the risk that consumers and businesses will hold back on spending and investment, dragging on growth.

China has raised fuel-consumption taxes by 50% since November. Gasoline prices have soared in Indonesia as the authorities eliminated subsidies altogether. High taxes in Japan mean pump prices have fallen only 15% in the past six months, compared with a 40% decline in the U.S. Taxes also blunt the fall in Europe: premium gasoline prices have fallen 29% in the U.K. and 32% in France.

Brazil has trimmed subsidies and raised taxes to shore up its deteriorating finances. As a result, some consumers there are paying an extra 7% or more at the pump than they did last week.

Oil prices posted their largest one-day drop in two months Wednesday after U.S. data showed crude supplies near 80-year highs. U.S. crude oil for March delivery sank 8.7% to \$48.45 a barrel. Brent, the global benchmark, declined 6.5% to \$54.16 a barrel.Past oil-price declines have often signaled a global slowdown as demand for crude collapses. But they also have often been followed by a ramping up of growth. The 60% fall in oil prices between November 1985 and March 1986

helped fuel five years of global growth that averaged near 4%.

A raft of economists and policy makers in recent months has shrugged off concerns that falling oil costs might be a harbinger of a slowdown, arguing the windfall for oil importers would more than offset the hit major crude exporters would take as their revenues tanked.

As recently as early December, the International Monetary Fund said that cheaper energy could add nearly a percentage point to gross domestic product for most advanced economies. European Central Bank President Mario Draghi has called the effect of falling oil prices "unambiguously positive."

To be sure, there are signs oil's fall is trickling into some economies.

The IMF cited the oil-price decline as a primary reason for an upgrade in its forecast for the U.S. economy last month.

Cheaper fuel also has provided a boost to retail sales in the eurozone. Spending by households in France, for example, rose by 1.5% on the month in December, according to data released Wednesday. Sales across the eurozone were up 2.8% in December compared with a year earlier.

India's purchasing managers index, a gauge of factory-floor conditions, has improved in recent months, potentially reflecting better profit margins at local companies because of lower oil costs. In Japan, a weaker yen and cheaper fuel are giving many economists reason to raise their growth forecasts. And more potential benefits could emerge.

"There's been insufficient upward revision of forecasts outside the U.S. due to energy," said Adam Posen, president of the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "There are still going to be positive effects from the shock, they just haven't shown up yet."

But with more data pouring in from around the world, the impact is hardly uniformly upbeat.

The risk of a deflationary mind-set among consumers and businesses has emerged as a major challenge in the eurozone and Japan, both of which are struggling to avoid falling back into recessions. Low or falling prices for goods and services can restrain consumer spending, deter business investment, cap wages and add to debt headaches. Oil is a major driver of that slowdown in inflation—the biggest since the depths of the financial crisis more than five years ago. Last week, the European Union's statistics agency reported consumer prices were 0.6% lower in January than a year ago.

"If you think that prices are going to stay low, that will dramatically affect your behavior," said Ayhan Kose, lead author of the World Bank's flagship Global Economic Prospects report.

The more oil prices lower inflation expectations in Europe and Japan, the less effective new central bank easy-money policies meant to spur growth will be, Mr. Kose said. "It will require more to deliver the same impact, and the impact will be less potent," he said.

Both the IMF and the World Bank lowered their outlooks for growth in many major economies outside the U.S. last month. Political and economic headwinds are offsetting any gains seeping in from cheaper energy costs.

In Italy, Japan, France, South Korea, China and other major oil importers, consumer confidence is waning, according to Nielsen 's latest report on sentiment around the world. As consumer optimism falls, people are more likely to save than spend and businesses grow wary of new investments.

"There's a lot of uncertainty around the strength of economies around the world," said Louise Keely, senior vice president at Nielsen and president of the Demand Institute, a non-profit think tank that studies consumer behavior. "That means the drop in fuel prices doesn't necessarily flow through into consumer sentiment."

Hannes Baumgartner, a director of a trucking division at Italy-based transport and logistics company Fercam AG, said falling fuel prices have cut the company's costs but aren't likely to change its investment strategy. "We're mostly worrying about the volatility in prices," he said.

Japan's chemical industry, a big user of imported oil, welcomed the cheaper input costs. But many companies say cheaper oil might push customers to demand discounts for items like plastics, tires, synthetic fabrics and detergents.

"Too much volatility isn't desirable," said a spokesman for Sumitomo Chemical Co.

Price growth is also anemic in China, reflecting weak consumer and business confidence. "The lower oil price is bringing more deflationary pressure rather than helping the economy," said Vincent Chan, a research analyst at Credit Suisse.

Big Chinese companies are hobbled by overcapacity—the result of years of profligate investment—and are unlikely to boost spending on plants and other capital outlays just because energy prices fall, said Mr. Chan.

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# The First Large-Scale Oil Worker Strike Since 1980 is Underway

**JEFF REED** 

The United Steelworkers union (USW), which represents workers at over 200 US oil refineries, pipelines, terminals and chemical plants, initiated a strike at 9 locations Sunday. Thus begins the largest such walkout since 1980, when a work stoppage lasted three months. The USW began the strike after failing to reach agreement on a labor contract that expired at 12:01 a.m. Sunday. The union said in a statement that it "had no choice." The USW ultimately rejected five contract offers made by Shell on behalf of oil companies since negotiations commenced on January 21.

As of early Monday, the work stoppage was still limited to the 9 locations.

"Shell refused to provide us with a counter-offer and left the bargaining table," said USW International President Leo W. Gerard in a statement. "We had no choice but to give notice of a work stoppage."

The remaining USW-represented refineries and oil facilities are now operating under a rolling 24-hour contract extension.

The USW represents 30,000 workers at 65 US refineries and over 230 refineries, oil terminals, pipelines and petrochemical facilities in the US, which it says accounts for almost two-thirds of domestic refining capacity.

Union members and company management have been engaged in negotiations since January 21 to reach a new three-year deal which would enact industry-wide wage increases, safety conditions, and staffing issues. A nationwide strike, which is growing more likely by the hour, would arrest as much as 63% of US fuel production and slow operations at 230 domestic refineries, pipelines, terminals and chemical plants.

A statement sent to Oilpro by USW spokesperson Lynne Hancock on Sunday said the following refineries went on strike at 12:01 am local time Sunday:

- LyondellBasell in Houston, TX;
- Marathon Galveston Bay Refinery in Texas City, TX;
- Marathon Houston Green Cogeneration facility, Texas City, TX;
- Marathon Refinery, Catlettsburg, Ky;
- Shell Deer Park Refinery, Deer Park, TX;
- Shell Deer Park Chemical Plant, Deer Park, TX;
- Tesoro Anacortes Refinery, Anacortes, Wash.;
- Tesoro Martinez Refinery, Martinez, Calif.; and
- Tesoro Carson Refinery, Carson, Calif.

"We told Shell that we were willing to continue bargaining for a fair agreement that would benefit the workers and the industry, but they just refused to return to the table," said USW International Vice President Gary Beevers, who heads the union's National Oil Bargaining Program.

"This work stoppage is about onerous overtime; unsafe staffing levels; dangerous conditions the industry continues to ignore; the daily occurrences of fires, emissions, leaks and explosions that threaten local communities without the industry doing much about it; the industry's refusal to make opportunities for workers in the trade crafts; the flagrant contracting out that impacts health and safety on the job; and the erosion of our workplace, where qualified and experienced union workers are replaced by contractors when they leave or retire," Beevers added.

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# As Oil Prices Climb, Some Harbor Doubts

#### NICOLE FRIEDMAN

Crude prices rose to the highest level this year amid signs a global supply glut could ease, but some investors and analysts said the worst of the oil rout may not be over.

The benchmark U.S. oil price has surged 19% since Wednesday, the largest four-day percentage gain since January 2009. The jump follows a selloff that saw oil tumble from more than \$107 to less than \$45 a barrel in seven months. Oil settled Tuesday at \$53.05 a barrel, its highest level since Dec. 31, up \$3.48, or 7%, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, the global benchmark, rose \$3.16, or 5.8%, to \$57.91. The rise in crude-oil prices spurred a rally in energy stocks, which helped lift the Dow Jones Industrial Average 305.36 points.

Crude gains in recent days have been stoked by developments that point to an eventual slowdown in production. BP PLC on Tuesday said that it would cut spending on new projects this year and will shelve some planned investments after lower prices drove it to a loss for the fourth quarter.

The move follows similar announcements from other large oil companies. On Friday, the number of rigs drilling for oil in the U.S. fell to a three-year low, according to oil-field-services company Baker Hughes Inc., a sign that the search for new crude deposits has lost some momentum.

Other factors also pushed oil prices higher. A worker strike at several U.S. refineries that began on Sunday has boosted gasoline and diesel prices on worries that fuel production could be curtailed as a result. The rally in oil-product prices buoyed

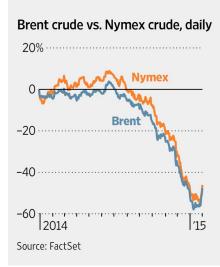
crude oil as well. Even with the recent rise in wholesale prices, retail gasoline prices are likely to remain around the cheapest in nearly six years, analysts said.

Still, many said that even with the prospect of reduced oil production, the world will remain awash in oil for some time. Reduced investment in

new drilling usually takes months or even years to translate to lower oil output. While the U.S. economy appears to be gradually coming out of its malaise. growth in China is slowing and the European economy remains moribund.

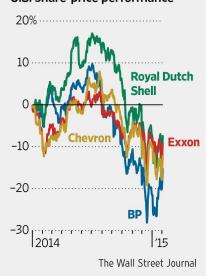
# Slumping

The tumble in crude prices has taken a toll on big oil companies.



# U.S. share-price performance

dodging a bullet."



bubble

United-ICAP. "It's absolutely too soon to tell. It's

way too soon for crude-oil producers to pop the

corks on their champagne bottles and celebrate

When markets bounce higher after a long drop,

he said, prices tend to stabilize rather than

continue to rise. "You don't go from a burst

immediately into another bubble," Mr. Zimmermann said.

Nicholas
Johnson, a
portfolio
manager with
Pacific
Investment
Management
Co. who helps
oversee about
\$20 billion in
commodity
investments, is
among those

predicting prices will continue to head higher, even if the gains are gradual. He expects oil to rise to about \$60 a barrel by year's end.

"Could you see a little bit of a correction from here? Yeah, it's possible," Mr. Johnson said. "But I think you could also sustain some of these gains."

Sam Peters, portfolio manager of the \$2.8 billion ClearBridge Value Trust, said he has been selectively buying shares of energy companies in recent months as oil prices have tumbled.

He said the oil market is slowly coming back into

#### Moreover,

inventories continue to build up. In the U.S. alone, storage facilities house the biggest amount of oil in 84 years, and the American Petroleum Institute late Tuesday said that U.S. crude stockpiles rose again last week.

Meanwhile, some refiners affected by the strike said they can keep plants running under contingency plans.

For Tuesday, at least, the bulls won.

"The question is, is this a bottom?" said Walter Zimmermann, chief technical analyst at brokerage

balance as producers have cut drilling budgets and fuel demand has risen, and the underlying stocks stand to benefit. "Everybody's pricing in complete Armageddon, but the fact is that the correcting mechanisms are in place," Mr. Peters said. He said there is a "60% probability" that oil prices have hit a bottom. "The market always overshoots," he said.

Mr. Peters said he has been focusing on buying shares of U.S.-focused shale-oil producers with strong balance sheets and a relatively low cost of production, including EOG Resources Inc. and Apache Corp. EOG shares rose 4.1% and Apache gained 2.8% on Tuesday.

Some investors have been waiting weeks for a rally. Twelve Points Capital LLC bet that prices would rise when oil fell to about \$60 in December. Last week, U.S. prices dropped to \$44.45 a barrel, near a six-year low. Dave Clayman, a principal at Twelve Points, still thinks the bet will pay off as prices rise in the future. "You don't need to catch the bottom," he said.

Other investors are taking a more cautious approach. Oil producers take positions in the futures market that would profit from a drop in prices to offset any losses from the impact

on their physical operations. If producers take advantage of any rally to sell, that could cap any further price gains.

In the near term, prices could weaken again as refineries shut down units in February and March for seasonal repairs, said Nicolas Robin, fund manager at Threadneedle Investments in London, which oversees about \$148 billion in assets.

Typically, refinery maintenance weighs on oil prices, because refiners buy less crude.

Threadneedle has more money invested in gasoline and Brent crude than is recommended by its benchmark, and it has a smaller-than-

suggested position in U.S. oil prices.

Refiners usually ramp up production in the late spring ahead of summer, when gasoline demand is typically strong as people tend to drive more. "I think that if we hit a bottom this year, it's likely to be in the next four to six weeks, [but] whether we've already seen it remains to be seen," Mr. Robin said.

-Dan Strumpf contributed to this article.

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Lone Star Club,

As your new President, our 2015 journey has just begun. I hope you are as excited about the new year as I am. This new year started off with a bang as our membership renewals are pouring in and we are busy working on all of our upcoming events. Have you sent in your renewal? If not, please send in your form along with your check today. Being a member of Lone Star comes with many perks and you don't want to miss out!

Our speaker for February is Erin Rolstad. Erin is Corporate Counsel for Silver Creek and will speak on the many legal issues plaguing our industry. After attending Lafayette Convention last year, I became aware of just how many lawsuits are being filed in the state of Louisiana. Luckily the state of Texas has put good laws in place to help prevent such lawsuits, but there still are lawsuits being filed against our industry every day! I can't wait to hear what Erin has to say about this subject!

Lone Star will celebrate its first birthday in July! It's hard to believe our club is almost a year old. We've hosted lots of great events thus far and have already raised money for 3 scholarships to be given out in the near future. What a great accomplishment for a new club and after only 5 months of being in existence. Our clay shoot was our first fund raising event and our next clay shoot is being held on October 2nd. Please mark your calendars with more details to follow.

We are in the process of forming new committees and are in need of several committee chairmen. Being involved will definitely broaden your horizon. I can honestly say that serving on various committees and being on the Board has brought out the event planning, speech writing, organizing and public speaking parts of me that I didn't really know existed. I had stage fright just 5 years ago!! When you are asked to volunteer, I hope you'll say "yes" so that you can join in and make a difference! Together we can accomplish much.

In closing, I was in Victoria this past weekend for the Region IV President's meeting hosted by our Region IV Director, Cindy Miller. Meeting all of the other Presidents in our Region reminded me of all of the talented people we have right here in our club. We are blessed. I hope this year you will put your talents to work. It is my goal to get everyone involved.

YOU, our members, make Lone Star the vibrant and exciting club that it is today!

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#### February, 2015

I have just returned from an exciting and successful Budget and Planning Meeting. The 2015 Board members are an energetic, creative and passionate group of individuals that I am proud to say are here to represent you and to move this Association forward.

The 2015 Budget and Planning meeting brought forth some great ideas and conversation, not only from the Board members but from the Committees as well. Upon arriving in Tulsa, we hit the ground running. President-Elect Connie Harrison, Treasurer Christina Forth-Matthews and I took care of banking matters while Vice President Maggi Franks worked with Andre Martin at ADO. We visited with Mike Gray, the Association's accountant as well as Andre Martin. We also visited with John Mansfield, CFP of Wymer, Brownlee and Mansfield on suggestions as to how we can be better stewards of the Association funds. On Thursday evening, I hosted a reception at ADO for all the Board members to network with each other and Andre Martin and to tour the new ADO offices.

On Friday, we spent the day with Chris Edmonds of the Ken Blanchard Companies to continue on with the Association's Strategic Plan. The 2014 Board worked diligently to put in place many of the goals and strategies implemented at the 2014 Budget and Planning Meeting. More goals have been added to the strategic plan and the 2015 Board will forge ahead to ensure we accomplish as many of those goals as possible.

Saturday was another full day which was spent working on the annual budget and reviewing committee reports. We also reviewed the analysis and recommendations conducted by Dave Stevens and his team at Stevens & Stevens. His team performed a complete non-biased analysis of our history, website, and survey responses among other things. We feel that they have a complete understanding of our Association and have offered suggestions and insight to assist in growing this Association into the premier organization that it is. During the coming months we will provide you with the fruits of their analysis. Exciting times are on the horizon!

The Rules Committee has set February 6, 2015 as the deadline for submitting changes to the ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules. If your Club or Region has any suggestions, be sure to forward these to Val Williams, <a href="mailto:valwilliams1950@gmail.com">valwilliams1950@gmail.com</a> Rules Committee Chairman by the deadline.

March is Desk and Derrick Awareness Month. With the drop in oil prices and a possible slowdown in the energy industry, now more than ever is the perfect time to be a member of ADDC. The educational and networking opportunities are invaluable. I, personally, have gained so much knowledge through program speakers, field trips and seminars. I challenge all of you to invite a prospective member to your next meeting and enlighten them about our Association. Share your passion and your excitement!

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#### February, 2015 - continued:

Plans for Region Meetings are well underway and I know that all of the host clubs are excited and ready to showcase their respective areas with educational field trips and seminars. Make sure you sign up for the Certification Program being offered at your Region meeting to further your energy education. The first Region meeting is in late March with the last Region meeting being held in late May. I encourage each and every one of you to attend your respective Region meeting and if you have the opportunity, travel to a Region meeting outside of your own Region. The registration packets will be posted to the ADDC website as they are received, so check the website often to see which exciting Region meetings you would like to attend.

Region V members are hard at work to ensure that the 2015 ADDC Convention and Educational Conference in Lubbock, Texas will be one that you won't want to miss. The registration package is almost complete and will be posted to the website as soon as it is available.

I hope you are as passionate about ADDC as I am. Giving of your time and talents are priceless and you gain much more in return than you can imagine. Once again, invite a potential member to your next meeting and share the passion!

#### Lori Landry

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Desk and Derrick Awareness Month March

Region III Meeting, Bossier City, LA March 26-28

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# **CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Region IV Meeting | Save the Date

The Region IV Meeting will take place on April 8-12 in San Antonio, TX. The Sheraton Guntner in San Antonio is now ready to accept room reservations. Members just need to call the hotel and mention Desk and Derrick. The rate is \$149 per night. Phone: 210-227-3241 - Website: www.sheratongunter.com



### Membership Renewals for 2015

Last month we sent out membership renewal forms to club members. Please complete these and send in payment at your earliest convenience, so that you can remain a part of our growing and vibrant club! We have a great year planned for 2015–including some great speakers at our monthly membership meetings, opportunities to participate in educational field trips, club socials, and more!



# January Meeting Pics















# RACHEL RAY'S LEMON CHICKEN

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 1/2 pounds chicken breast or chicken tenders, cut into chunks
- 1/4 cup all-purpose unbleached flour
- Coarse salt
- 2 tablespoons wok or vegetable oil, 2 turns of the pan (preferred brand: House of Tsang)
- 1 tablespoon (a splash) white or rice wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup chicken broth or stock
- 8 ounces (1 cup) prepared lemon curd
- 1/4 cup hot water
- 1 lemon, zested
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced or 20 blades fresh chives, finely chopped

Read more at: Read more at: http:// www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/rachael-ray/ lemon-chicken-recipe.html?oc=linkback

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Coat the chunked chicken lightly in flour, seasoned with a little salt. Heat a large skillet or a wok-shaped nonstick pan over high heat. Stir fry chicken until golden, 3 or 4 minutes. Remove chicken from the pan and return pan to heat. Reduce heat to medium.
- Add a splash of vinegar to the pan and let it evaporate. Add stock or broth to the pan and scrape up any drippings with a whisk. Thin curd by stirring in a little hot water. Add curd to broth and whisk to combine. Add chicken back to the pan and simmer for 1 to 2 minutes to thicken sauce and finish cooking chicken pieces through. Remove the pan from heat, add the scallions or chives and zest, and toss chicken pieces well to combine zest and scallions or chives evenly throughout the sauce. Serve with Special Rice, recipe follows.
- Cook's Notes: Wok oil infused with ginger and garlic is usually available on the International Foods aisle in many markets.
- Chicken broths and stocks are available in resealable paper containers, making storage of remaining product easy and on hand in the refrigerator; they are found in the soup aisle.
- Lemon curd is a sweet lemon spread available in most markets. It is on the jam/jelly aisle.

# Region IV Director's Newsletter



Cindy Miller Region IV Director

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Wow January was busy. The Budget and Planning meeting was held in Tulsa the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. We had a very good meeting with lots of participation and ideas. We met with a Strategic Planner and received recommendations from the marketing firm. Keep your eyes open next month as more Budget and Planning highlights will come. After the B&P meeting we had the President's training in Victoria and the Region Reps were also included in the meeting. It was great to get advice from 2 Past ADDC Presidents, and 2 Past Region Directors which were in attendance.

I want to continue my Pay it Forward stories, Lauri Stanfield a member of the North Harris/Montgomery Counties Desk and Derrick Club has been battling a disease called Pulmonary Hypertension and Pulmonary Veno-Occlusion Disease (PVOD). Lauri had posted on Facebook a Pay it Forward moment so I asked her to write up something about her story. Here is just a small part of her story.

"I was asked by my Region IV Director Cindy Miller, to give all my fellow members of Desk and Derrick a little bit about my story and giving back. I was honored that she wanted me to share it with all of you, not only for awareness of my Disease, but because of something I've always done, even when I wasn't sick. Just remember to Pay it Forward, no matter what you may be going through because that person behind you may be going through something much more difficult. I paid it forward by offering a plane ticket to someone I didn't know, who couldn't afford to be home for her dad's funeral. A family of 5 paid it forward to me back when I first became sick by buying dinner for me, my mom and another Desk and Derrick member. It makes a difference, and it makes you feel good inside. The rest of Lauri's story is hopefully in the next Insight or DDJ."

The San Antonio Club is working hard on getting everything ready for the Region IV meeting April 8-12. They are planning some educational and fun events. The Certification Course will be offered on Wednesday April  $8^{th}$ . If you would like to take the course contact Terry Ligon for more details. Her email is terryligon@hotmail.com.

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