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Greetings to All Three Rivers Desk and Derrick-ers:

As we careen towards the end of the calendar year, through another successful "Industry Appreciation Dinner", past another "Thanksgiving" holiday, and toward the natural ending of this, my second and final term as President of this fine Club, the theme for this President's Letter naturally presents itself: THANK YOU!

As there are plenty of people to thank, and I know you don't have much time to read virtually anything this time of year, I'll try and write quickly . . .

I would first like to register a THANK YOU! to Club membership at large for your support of this organization, your input, and obviously, your attendance at our various events. It goes without saying that the Club is "you", and no matter how interesting lecture topics are, and how well events are planned, if you don't show up, there is no "Club". On a side note, I do want to thank you as well for voting me into this prestigious office for no less than two terms. While I believe I ran unopposed for both terms, I do recognize that if you would have all chosen to abstain from voting altogether . . .

A special THANK YOU! also goes out to MS. BEVERLY ROBERTS for regionally directing all Region I clubs this year. Thanks for keeping us apprised of what our local sister Clubs were up to, and up to date on ADDC developments. On that note, I am particularly appreciative for her delicate and diplomatic heads-up reminders when it appeared as if I was about to miss some pending deadline . . . which was of course mostly always . . .

THANK YOU! to PENN YORK OIL AND GAS AFFILIATES (PYOGA) for hosting an amazing Regional Conference this year at scenic Niagara Falls. With Niagara in mind, I would be remiss at this time if I did not also take this opportunity to thank Canada. Yes, thank you Canada, and not just for offering up your side of the picturesque falls, but also for supplying several upstanding ADDC clubs, without which, ADDC would merely be a "National" organization rather than a far more impressive and prestigious "International" organization . . .

A shout out of "THANK YOU!" also goes to REGION IV for hosting a super-cool ADDC Convention this year down in historic San Antonio Texas. The events and sites were awesome. Not sure it affected anyone else like it affected me, but I think that I shall always remember the Alamo . . .

Another THANK YOU! to MS. MAGGIE FRANKS and the whole ADDC BOARD for their tireless efforts as well. You truly jumped into the fire taking on the difficult and controversial issues that needed to be addressed. Regardless of the outcome, thank you for being gutsy enough to confront those issues which will certainly be vital to our Club's future.

On that note, I would also like to transmit a THANK YOU! to all those who actively engaged in the robust debate on those same issues. Regardless of which side you supported, it is your caring and contagious passion for this organization which will sustain the ADDC long after our membership, or even "we" expire . . .

I would like to direct yet another THANK YOU! to all those who participated and contributed on the various ADDC COMMITTEES this year. I had the honor of serving as a Committee Chairperson this year myself, and can attest to the fact, for all those considering taking up such a post, that such positions are far more rewarding than challenging. Note that I offer this unsolicited comment without any anticipation of receiving a "marketing fee" or other compensation for such suggestion, even though, and I think the incoming Board knows this, I do accept most major credit cards, Paypal transfers, and of course, cash.

Finally, and without further ado, I would like to send out the most sincere and heart-felt THANK YOU! of all, to the best local Club Board ever. Thanks MS. CINDY KREBS, thanks MS. MELISSA SHAUGHNESSY, thanks MS. GENEVIEVE PECHARKA, thanks MS. SHERRI KOLAJA, thanks MS. CHERYL CHARIE, and thanks MS. PENNY JACOBS, for propping me up to look presidential when I needed to look so, and for engaging in much of the "heavy lifting" necessary to keep this organization humming. You are the lifeblood and backbone of our Club, and along with your sister counterparts across the whole ADDC club network, you are the reason for the survival and thrival (it's mostly a word . . .) of this organization.

Thanks again to all, and if we don't speak sooner . . . Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Festivus, Happy Boxing Day . . . and a Happy New Year to all!

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