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The 2019 Capital Campaign Drive is in full swing and donations began to arrive in late August. As I mentioned in the Drive Letter, this year is not our typical Annual Fund Drive, but rather an attempt to raise funds for capital expenditures (computers, copiers, large format scanner, etc.). The reason for the timing of this effort is that our equipment is very old and, at times, failing. This is the first Capital Campaign Drive in nearly 20 years, and simply put...it's time! In fact, since mailing the letters to our members, colleagues, and friends one of the trays in our color copier malfunctioned, and replacing any part of an 18-year old machine is a high-risk financial gamble. That situation is a constant dilemma.

Since the last week of August, we have raised nearly \$19,000.00 from individuals and companies, with **Michael S. Johnson** donating at the, "Wildcatter Level" **In Honor of His Good Friend, Walt Arbuckle**. DERL will make sure that appears on our lobby plaque, which we instituted two years ago. That level of contribution is certainly greatly appreciated, but **ALL donations are greatly appreciated**. And, as we have in the past, all *Prospector*, *Wildcatter*, and *Oil Finder* Level contributors will be listed on the DERL lobby plaque, and all contributors will be listed in the winter issue of the *DERL News Quarterly*.

I also would like to make the point that some of the letters were sent to DERL members of large firms and corporations. Frankly, my intent in doing so is not to request a donation from a given geologist,

engineer, or geophysicist (although I certainly would never reject any donation), but rather to have the donation request “passed-up-the-line.”

TO ALL ... THANK YOU!

DERL UPDATES

- 1) DERL, RMAG, AIPG, DWLS, SPE, and SEPM will be co-sponsoring a, “Night at the Library” on Wednesday, October 30th (Mischief Night), from 4 – 7 pm. We’ll have a “freebie book table,” accompanied by a Donation Bowl. We’ll also have plenty of stories, finger food and beverages, including a killer mixed drink. So please come out and enjoy the evening!
- 2) The Library began its 2019 Interactive Lecture Series with a HUGE bang, as **Dr. Michael Lewan** discussed, "New Insights on the Origin of Petroleum Based on Hydrous Pyrolysis Experiments." The Lecture was so involved and detailed that the packed audience demanded that DERL bring him back, so to save my hide, Dr. Lewan will be back in November to discuss, “Mapping the Extent and Distribution of Oil Formation in the Upper Bakken Formation, Williston Basin.” As always, I’ll be sure to notify the membership at least 30 days in advance of the Lecture date.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Library **greatly appreciates all its members**, and we would like to welcome:

- 1) The Discovery Group
- 2) Duncan Oil
- 3) Ponderosa Resources Corporation

Please keep in mind, DERL will be closed November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday