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John Reedy, Treasurer
International Oil Scouts Association
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Dear John:

Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$400 to Drake Well Museum through the friends of Drake Well, Inc. The support of the International Oil Scouts Association means a great deal to the museum, especially as we undertake major building renovations, creation of new research and collections storage areas, and the re-design of our permanent gallery exhibit and educational programs in anticipation of the 2009 celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the modern American Oil Industry that began here in 1859.

Our curator Susan Beates has asked if we could use these funds to purchase some replacement parts for the Reid gas engine at McClintock Well #1. That well – in continuous production since August 1861 – will celebrate its 145th anniversary this summer and we'd like to keep it pumping as authentically as possible. Please let me know if that would be acceptable.

Please ask the International Oil Scouts Association how they might like to be involved in the 2009 celebration at Drake Well. We're planning to submit Edwin Drake's name as a candidate to the Midland Oil Hall of Fame that year to keep the Texas oil industry involved, but any other suggestions would be much appreciated! I'll give your contact information to the Oil 150 Committee, too.

You honor us and the history of the oil industry that we share with your support. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara".

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