



*PABI Means Business in Plaquemines Parish!*

Have a Happy and  
Safe 4th of July

July General  
Membership  
Luncheon/Meeting

**2012 Legislative  
Review**

Friday, July 20, 2012  
Bayou Barriere Golf  
Club - 11:30 a.m.  
Networking, 12:00 p.m.  
Lunch & Program -  
Our State Delegation  
will evaluate the 2012  
Session and the  
impact on  
Plaquemines Parish

\$20.00 Member  
\$25.00 Nonmember

## July 2012 "E-BIZ" Newsletter



As we enter the half way mark of 2012, I would like to update our members on a few things. I hope to send you an update between quarterly newsletters to help you stay informed. Also, you can always visit [www.pabigroup.com](http://www.pabigroup.com) for updates.

At our membership luncheon in May, we heard from two experts on coastal restoration and the ever growing importance of acting now to save our wetlands. By the same token, PABI will continue to remind the decision makers that whatever plan is executed, there can be negative consequences to the livelihoods of residents and businesses in these areas. So, now more than ever, PABI has to work hard to make sure the consequences of certain actions are addressed.



Since our last newsletter, the board approved helping fund

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## Welcome New Members

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#### Microtel Inn & Suites

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Belle Chasse, LA 70037

### GENERAL MEMBERS

#### Associated Branch Pilots

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#### Harvest-Marks Pipeline, LLC

Metairie, LA

#### Patrick Miller, LLC

Law Firm  
New Orleans, LA

Ann's Restaurant &  
Catering/Dinette's  
Diner/Gigi's Restaurant  
Belle Chasse & Port Sulphur

a survey about the Crescent City Connection Tolls. We worked with our legislators to help pass legislation that puts extending the tolls to a vote of the people. The next task at hand is educating the public on this issue. PABI is in favor of voting YES to extend the tolls. We feel the pros far outweigh the cons. Voting yes also will change how the revenues from tolls are managed and will ensure the money collected stays local to support our infrastructure. PABI's job is to make sure that statement remains true!

We hosted a very successful tour for Senator John Alario this past month. He was driven from Belle Chasse to Venice and made a few stops along the way. He then flew in a sea plane with a few of our board members back to Belle Chasse. Senator Alario was impressed with all the economic activity we have going on in our parish.



Also, members of PABI, Callender Commitment, and GNO Inc. were attendance for a briefing and tour of the military base. We learned that well over \$100 million in projects were completed within the past few years and there are many more projects on the way. Many of our members have benefited from these projects. We also learned that more than 8,500 people work on the base every day (not including contractors doing construction work, etc.) and the payroll is in excess of \$340 million a year.

Our June membership meeting was held at the Venice Marina and included a tour of the Venice Port Complex. We had a big crowd, and the food was fantastic. I want to especially thank the staff of the Venice Marina for their great service.



On Friday, July 20th, we will have our next membership luncheon. This is our annual legislative recap. Most, if not all, of our state delegation will be in attendance. You should have already received an email about this event requesting an rsvp. If not, please contact the PABI office.

We will have more details on these and other topics in the 3rd Quarter PABI BIZ coming in August. I hope you

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have a great July 4th!

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