

January 2011 PABI Annual Installation English Turn Golf and Country Club

The PABI Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers and Directors was held on January 20, 2011, at English Turn Golf and Country Club. A capacity attendance filled both the Ballroom and Atrium Room after the Reception Hour. Reverend David Carlton, Trinity United Methodist Church, Buras, LA, delivered the Invocation and LTC. Brian P. Champagne, 141st FA, Commanding, Louisiana National Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance. Before LTC. Champagne came forward, PABI Military Committee Chairman Reid McLellan introduced our local Military Hero and showed a video of LTC. Champagne being reunited with his two sons as he played the role of Santa during the Christmas Play at Belle Chasse Primary School. It had been nearly a year since the boys had seen their father while he was serving in Iraq.

Parish President Billy Nungesser then introduced Governor Bobby Jindal as the keynote speaker. The Governor spoke on improving higher education in the state and his efforts to have the oil drilling moratorium lifted.

The (2010) Year in Review was delivered by outgoing PABI Chairman, Bart Breland. Breland announced that the Association now has a membership of 212 and thanked the Board and all of the Members for a successful year.

2011 Chairman Mike Ford outlined his goals for the next year which is to lead PABI in a united front with local officials both at home and in Baton Rouge to capitalize on the tremendous opportunities that exist for businesses. The development of a local port, retail developments in Plaquemines and the construction of the Medical Center in Port Sulphur will all be high priorities to Ford for his tenure as PABI Chairman.

The 2011 Officers and Board of PABI are: Chairman, Mike Ford; Immediate Past Chairman, Bart Breland; Chairman Elect, Reid McLellan; First Vice-Chairman, Kevin Guidry; Treasurer, Ed Camnetar. Board Members for 2011 are: Darren Angelo, Darren Barrois, Chad Breland, Denise Buford, Cathy Madere, John Tesvich, Borden Wallace and Jeff White. Committee Chairs for 2011 appointed by the Chairman are: Dale Benoit, Governmental Affairs; Darren Angelo, Maritime & Coastal Restoration; Reid McLellan, Communications; Michella Ford, Education/Workforce; Kim Turlich-Vaughan, Membership; Jeff White, Military; George Pivach II, Oil & Gas; Corey Arbourgh, Tourism; David Pavlovich, Transportation & Infrastructure; Danica Ansardi, Venice Revitalization. Bruce Keller and Thomas Rush will serve as Community Representatives to the Board for 2011.





