

***PABI General Membership Luncheon
May 15, 2013
Bayou Barriere Golf Club***

The May 2013 PABI General Membership luncheon was held at the Bayou Barriere Golf Club in Belle Chasse, LA. The keynote speakers were Dr. Stuart Guey, Port Committee Chairman, Plaquemines Parish Council and Mr. John Pennison, Port Deputy Director, Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District. First to speak was Mr. Jody Guilbeau, PABI Insurance Committee Chairman. He informed the membership that PABI is aware of the implications of the Biggert Waters Act and the devastating effect huge increases in flood insurance premiums could have on local businesses. Mr. Guilbeau stated that PABI would be working diligently to fight for an amendment to the Act. Dr. Guey began the program with a history of the creation of the Plaquemines Parish Port Authority. Many changes have taken place culminating in the separation of the Port from the Parish Government and the creation of a Port governing body and Chairman. Dr. Guey mentioned that the Port is looking into buying property at Citrus Lands. They are currently looking to fill the position of Executive Director. Mr. John Pennison, who was recently appointed at Port Deputy Director, spoke on the operations of the Port. They currently have three fire rescue boats in a state of readiness and are capable of being on scene anywhere in an 81 mile area within one hour. Revenue for the Port comes from tariffs and grant monies.



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