

***PABI General Membership Luncheon
October 18, 2013
English Turn Golf & Country Club***

The October 2013 PABI General Membership Luncheon was held at English Turn Golf & Country Club. Congressman Steve Scalise, 1st Congressional District of Louisiana was the keynote speaker. His message focused on several issues impacting Plaquemines Parish. The first issue he spoke about was Biggert-Waters Act 2012 and flood insurance. Congressman Scalise has been and continues to work with other officials from LA to address changes to the NFIP which could cause huge rate increases. Current FEMA maps show many of the Parish's levees and storm protection systems are unaccredited. These systems are being reevaluated. Congressman Scalise mentioned that a bill has passed the House that will also address grandfathering those residents who are currently in compliance with FEMA's base flood elevations. It still must pass the Senate. Next Congressman Scalise commented on the recent government shutdown. Though the shutdown ended, none of the government's problems were actually solved. He stated that Representatives of all political parties of the House need to learn to work together or nothing will be accomplished. Finally, Congressman Scalise commented on the U. S. budget deficit of \$17.6 trillion which is not diminishing. The House is currently working on a budget that could balance out in about ten years.



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