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### Business and Industry Trade Show

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### Tucker: Employment High

**I**n a farewell salute to the business community, outgoing Louisiana Speaker of the House Jim Tucker told Harvey Canal Industrial Association members August 4<sup>th</sup> that Louisiana is about two percentage points below the national unemployment average and boasts the highest private sector employment since 1988.

District 86 Representative Tucker said the state government has

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### Gulf Readiness

**R**eacting to the Obama Administration's mandate to swiftly contain out-of-control wells, a consortium of 24 deepwater operators in the Gulf of Mexico was recently formed by the Helix Well Containment Group (HWCG).

According to a recent press release, HWCG is bringing together the technical expertise and resources from a diverse group of operators and their in-

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*Legislators receive plaques for an informative luncheon: (left to right) Representatives Ricky Templet and Patrick Connick, Senator John Alario, HCIA President Lionel Boudreaux, and Representatives Ernest Wooton, Jim Tucker, Robert Billiot and Jeff Arnold*

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### NEXT MEETING

\*\*\*\*SPECIAL NOTICE\*\*\*\*

#### NO MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON FOR SEPTEMBER

Due to the Business and Industry Expo there will be no luncheon in September. Please join us at the Trade Show for a B2B networking opportunity with complimentary appetizers and a cash bar provided by Boomtown Casino.



Thursday, September 15, 2011, @ Boomtown Casino,  
4132 Peters Road, Harvey, LA  
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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HCIA's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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Shotgun Start – 11:30 a.m.

Format - 4 – Person, Shot-gun start

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## From your HCIA President

**H** CIA has worked hard to be the voice of the business community since 1946 and it takes an open door policy to our officials to get the job done. That is why we host the annual legislative wrap up each August.

This year HCIA supported two specific bills. One was to create the Crescent City Connection Task Force to oversee the toll issue and the other was the clarification of a law defining contractors for the purpose of an occupational license.

The HCIA is most appreciative of Senator John Alario for his support on the occupational contractors' license. The impact to the industrial corridor along the Harvey Canal was significant and the legislation helps us retain businesses here in Jefferson Parish.

We also thanked Senators David Heitmeier and J. P. Morrell and Representatives Jeff Arnold, Bobby Billiot and Ricky Templet for carrying the ball through the process on the CCC Task Force. And, although he could not support the Task Force legislation, we extended our thanks to Rep. Pat Connick. His passion and drive for wanting nothing but the right answers on the CCC made us all work harder and kept us on our toes.

And we said good bye to two legislators, Representative Ernest Wooton and House Speaker Jim Tucker, who are stepping down due to term limits.

Ernie served the in the House of Representatives for 12 years, always championing the fishing industry as well as the chemical and industrial industries. House Speaker Jim Tucker has served since 2001. His finance background was vitally important and led to committee assignments that utilized his talents. Jim was chosen by Governor Bobby Jindal to be the first Republican Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives since Reconstruction.

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dustry contractors and building upon equipment technology proven since the inception of deepwater drilling. HWCG has developed a deepwater well containment response system capable of being immediately deployed in the event of a deepwater well control incident. Further, each of the 24 HWCG member companies has committed to a mutual aid agreement, allowing any member to draw upon the collective technical capability and available response equipment of all members to comprehensively respond to an incident.

Additionally, building upon equipment effectively used in the Deepwater Horizon response, HWCG has signed an agreement with Helix Energy Solutions Group (NYSE: HLX), to provide the primary components of the response system. HWCG has also worked with Trendsetter Engineering to develop the world's most advanced, dual barrier, 15,000 psig intervention capping stack. The two stacks create capping redundancies to 10,000 psi. Additionally, HWCG members have agreements in place with more than 35 service providers who will provide additional services, products and personnel, if needed.

HWCG understands the importance of a well developed process and procedure plan. With guidance from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, HWCG Deepwater Intervention Technical Committee (DITC) developed the HWCG Well Containment Plan, a comprehensive and detailed technical plan clearly identifying response protocols for foreseeable

deepwater containment scenarios.

The plan also addresses the needs for a command center. HWCG has entered into negotiations with PetroSkills Training Center, located in Katy, Texas, to provide a joint command center that would be utilized by any member responding to a deepwater incident.

HWCG has conducted a series of day-long, comprehensive tabletop exercises and drills to simulate the implementation of the group's Well Containment Plan, ensuring increased coordination and preparedness. More exercises are planned to continually improve the capability and knowledge of the well containment team.

Building upon Helix-owned equipment used in the Deepwater Horizon response, the HWCG system is currently capable of facilitating control and containment of spills in water depths up to 10,000 feet, with a 15,000 psig full opening dual ram intervention capping stack; the most advanced capping stack in existence today. HWCG is capable of capturing and processing up to 55,000 barrels of oil per day and 95 million cu-

bic feet of natural gas per day at surface pressures of up to 10,000 psig.

Additional enhancements are being evaluated by the DITC and will be adopted as required by the members.

HWCG members include Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Apache Deepwater LLC, ATP Oil & Gas Corporation, BHP Billiton (Americas), Inc., Century Exploration New Orleans, Inc., Cobalt International Energy, LP Deep Gulf Energy, LP (Deep Gulf Energy II LLC), ENI U.S. Operating Company, Inc., Energy Resource Technology GOM Inc., Hess Corporation, LLOG Exploration Company, LLC. Marathon Oil Corporation, Marubeni Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. Murphy Exploration & Production Company – USA, Newfield Exploration Company, Nexen Petroleum USA Inc., Noble Energy, Inc., Plains Exploration & Production Company, Repsol E&P USA Inc., Statoil Gulf of Mexico LLC (Statoil USA E&P, Inc.), Stone Energy Corporation, Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, Woodside Energy (USA), Inc. W&T Offshore, Inc. (W & T Energy VI, LLC).

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**Business and Industry Trade Show,  
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Development Foundation to bring our members the opportunity to connect with others. The 2011 Business and Industry Trade Show will be on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at Boomtown Casino from 4p.m. to 7p.m.

The truth is *People do business with people they know.* The expo is a great opportunity to showcase your products and services to other businesses and to build that face to face contact. For only \$200/booth, you can join nearly 100 other area businesses in all fields-finance, construction, shipping, retail, engineering and more to network, to share information, to solicit new business, to give yourself greater exposure!

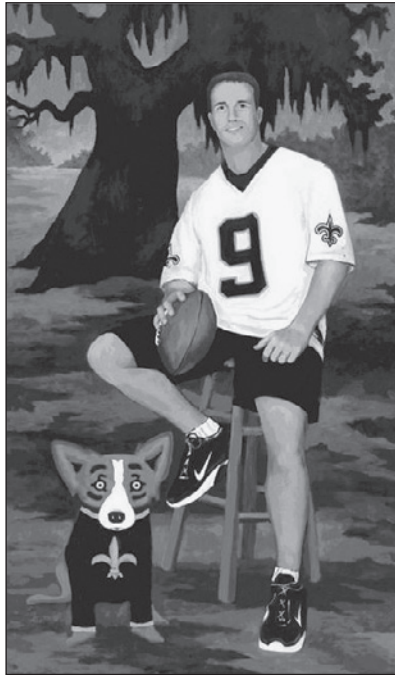
You will have a complimentary mention on all three organization's website – (HCIA/PABI/AEDF), and in the Expo Program. Each booth has been asked to provide a door prize item, which will enhance traffic to your booth and for the show as a whole.

In addition, a simultaneous B2B networking event is being held onsite, with complimentary appetizers and a cash bar provided by Boomtown to help drive traffic to your table.

The sponsoring organizations, HCIA, PABI, and AEDF will be raffling off a flat screen TV. Chances are \$1 each, and each booth receives 1 free chance to win.

Don't neglect this chance to spotlight your business as we roll into the fall season! Contact the HCIA office at (504) 367-1721 for more information or go to our website at [www.harveycanal.org](http://www.harveycanal.org) for an application form.

**Take a Chance**



George Rodrigue. The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and may be obtained by contacting the HCIA office at (504) 367-1721.

The Drew Brees silkscreen print is not for sale in any Rodrigue Galleries and is only accessible to the general public through a donation to a non-profit organization. The print is made available through the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts (GRFA.) The Foundation was founded in 2009 to advocate the importance of the visual arts in the development of our youth and encourages the use of art within all curriculums and supports a variety of art educational programs. The unframed print measures 19" x 32".

The drawing for the Blue Dog poster will be held during the Business & Industry Expo at Boomtown Casino on Thursday, September 15, 2011. Doors open at 4:00. Winner need not be present.

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seen a reduction in employees of 10,000-12,000 in the past four years and the state's sterling employment record belongs to the business community. The Legislature has tried to reduce the regulatory bureaucracy and shrink the size of government, clearing the way for business, he said. Cheering the rise of private sector employment, he said, "That's the way it's supposed to be."

Tucker was one of seven West Bank legislators who talked of the 2011 legislative session and area topics. He was joined by State Senator John Alario (District 8) and Representatives Jeff Arnold (District 102), Robert Billiot (District 83), Patrick Connick (District 84), Ricky Templet (District 85) and Ernest Wooton (District 105). Tucker, term limited out of the House of Representatives, announced he will run for Louisiana Secretary of State. Wooton is seeking the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's post and Templet will seek a Jefferson Parish Council seat.

Tucker praised the West Bank legislative delegation, saying they did

"a yeoman effort" in helping to obtain major projects such as the \$1.2 billion widening of the Huey P. Long bridge, the \$1 billion West Closure Complex and major state funding for the Federal City in Algiers. He said there has been great support for these projects from the business community and he urged them to continue this encouragement.

Senator Alario said the Legislature began the 2011 session with a \$1.5 billion shortfall but with everyone's help and the leadership of Governor Bobby Jindal, the state finished with a balanced budget. It was done without raising taxes, selling state prisons or selling the state group benefits, he said, and with 2,900 less employees.

"I told you a few years ago it was a grand opportunity for state government to examine the state budget just as you do in your businesses and to see what we could do without and operate more efficiently," Alario said. With another shortfall looming in the 2012 session, he said, there will be another opportunity "to see what we can do better, more

efficiently with less people and less cost to the taxpayers."

Representative Arnold praised the West Bank delegation's effort to obtain the Federal City funding, noting there are 1,200 Marines and 300-400 Coast Guardsmen on the campus daily and hopefully they will be buying homes on the West Bank.

Arnold and Representative Connick talked of the new Crescent City Connection Division Task Force that began meeting in early August to examine the CCCD operation and whether tolls should continue past the December 2012 sunset. Arnold, who said he guided the legislation through the House, said he looks forward to the Task Force Report.

Connick acknowledged he lost on the CCCD Task Force legislation and said he is willing to work with the Task Force to make sure all do what is needed to do to make the Crescent Connection run right. That department must be the worst department in the

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Past HCIA President Jennifer Steel Bourgeois (West Jefferson Hospital Foundation) greets Paul Vance (Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer)



Judith Windhorst (Jones Walker Waechter Poitevent Carrere & Denegre) shares a laugh with Representatives Jeff Arnold, Jim Tucker and Ricky Templet

state of Louisiana, he said, claiming it acted independently for 18 years outside of the control of the Department of Transportation and Development.

He called the tolls a tax and a burden on motorists. "Why would a bridge need 240 employees?" he asked. "Talk about big government, that's huge government."

Billiot said he looks forward to the potential growth that will come to the western end of the West Bank (his district) with the widening of the Huey P. Long bridge and the completion of the West Closure Complex that will provide us with "the best hurricane protection system in the state of Louisiana." He said Jefferson Parish and state officials also continue to work on monies to provide improved drainage inside the hurricane protection system.

Templet talked of the earlier special session to redraw boundaries of the legislators. He praised the legislators, saying they aligned districts based on what the public wanted and not to help them get re-elected.

Templet also praised Governor Jindal for his action earlier this year to outlaw the sale of so-called bath salts, a dangerous combination of synthetic cocaine and synthetic PCP that could be obtained at convenience stores. He said fighting the sale of synthetic drugs is frustrating, explaining he was successful last year in blocking the sale of synthetic marijuana. However, a few months later dealers added another compound and the product was back on the street, he said.

Wooton said he fought for West Bank fishermen. "All of the fishermen have a place in my heart," he said. "They work hard but in my opinion they are totally abused."

Several legislators took time to praise the work of the HCIA and Executive Director Peggy Bourgeois for their efforts in getting their message across to the Legislature. Templet led a round of applause, saying "without the

HCIA fighting tooth and nail to move the West Bank forward, we wouldn't be moving forward." He said it makes a big difference when the legislators are fighting for the community to have the organization (HCIA) standing side by side with them. Connick thanked HCIA's Bourgeois for her efforts in the Task Force legislation. He said they had some heated discussions but through it all there is progress.



*HCIA President Lionel Boudreaux presides at legislative meeting*



*Representative Ernest Wooton visits with HCIA Vice President Laurie Soileau*



*HCIA Executive Director Peggy Bourgeois, House Speaker Jim Tucker and Past HCIA President Brian Heiden visit*

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September 5.....	Labor Day.....	Office Closed
September 7.....	8:00 a.m.....	Governmental & Environmental Affairs Committee Meeting ..... HCIA Office
September 7.....	Noon.....	Special Events Committee Meeting ..... HCIA Office
September 14.....	7:30 a.m.....	Membership Committee Meeting..... HCIA Office
September 15.....	4:00 p.m. ....	Business & Industry Expo ..... Boomtown Casino
September 30.....	7:45 a.m.....	HCIA Board of Directors..... HCIA Office



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