

Welcome Ted Falgout as new SCIA president

By: Jane Arnette




Throughout his life, Ted Falgout, a native of Lafourche Parish, has made it a priority to support a coast, community and culture he cherishes. Whether while overseeing one of the most important energy ports in the nation or fishing and hunting in the marsh of south Louisiana, Ted has made improving his surrounding environment a personal goal, all while striking

the balance between economic development and environmental preservation. He has done it with little to no fan fare, just the satisfaction of knowing he has done what he can to help the place he loves, while encouraging others to do the same along the way.



Ted Falgout presents out going president Kirk Meche with an award.

Early in his tenure as Executive Director, Ted compelled the Greater Lafourche Port Commission (GLPC) to become good stewards of their environment in coordination with the Port's phenomenal growth and success. He is now retired from the Port and serving as a consultant with his own company, Ted Falgout & Associates.

Ted has been active in many organizations and has received numerous awards along the way. We welcome this energy and level of commitment to steer our SCIA Board of Directors and the organization for this year. 



Past President and founding member Francis Richard installs the officers.

The new 2012 board members are:

- Lori Davis, Rig-Chem - Executive Vice President
- Lynn Falgout, Bollinger Shipyards - Vice President
- Charles Theriot, Charles Theriot, CPA - Treasurer
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- Edward Bouterie, Bourgeois Bennett - Director
- Travis David, RAMCO - Director
- Tony Alford, ASLR - Advisor
- Kirk Meche, Gulf Island Fabrication - Advisor



Master of Ceremonies Bobby Barthel, Incoming President Ted Falgout and Outgoing President Kirk Meche.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Dear Members:

I am very pleased to be the new SCIA President and to continue the positive direction set forth by the previous presidents. There is no doubt SCIA is dedicated to assuring the needs of our regional industrial community. I believe as we continue to grow, we must remain in the forefront so that we can be active in the decision-making process.

At our recent board retreat, we established our two top priorities - the RESTORE Act and Workforce Development. The RESTORE Act presents this region with what might be a once in a lifetime opportunity and it is our highest priority to maximize our ability to access these funds for our priority projects.

Additionally, Workforce Development remains a top priority and we are actively engaged in involving industrial stakeholders so that we can insure that we are training our workforce to meet current and future labor demands.

SCIA plays a major role in making things happen. I hope to take things to a new level with the help of my great board members and hardworking committees. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to move this region forward.

Ted Falgout
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How two enemies became friends. Fighter pilot describes his unlikely journey during SCIA Banquet. Wows the audience!

By: **Matthew Albright**, *The Courier Staff Writer as edited by Jane Arnette*

As you looked around the room, you could see the people intently listening to the speaker. Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Daniel Cherry delivered the keynote speech during the South Central Industrial Association Banquet and Installation of Officers. Daniel Cherry remembers vividly the dogfight in which he shot down an enemy fighter over North Vietnam.



After the Soviet-built MiG 21 he shot went down in flames, Cherry guided his F-4 Phantom fighter jet within 500 feet of the enemy pilot, who dangled from beneath a parachute after ejecting from his cockpit. He came close enough to notice the pilot's black flight suit. It was the last he would see of his foe — until 36 years later.

Cherry, who retired as a highly decorated Air Force brigadier general, is the author of the book "My Enemy, My Friend," the story of what became an unlikely but powerful friendship between the two pilots. Cherry recounted the 1972 air battle in which he shot down an enemy plane — complete with video from the episode of the History Channel show "Dogfights" that chronicled the fight.

After several missiles malfunctioned, Cherry finally managed to hit the plane's wing. As he victoriously watched the pilot bail out, he didn't know the damage had severely injured his foe, whose name he didn't know. He certainly never expected he'd meet him.

Extraordinarily, that's exactly what happened. Decades later, Cherry got in touch with a Vietnamese television host whose show tracked long-lost relatives and friends. For the first time, on Vietnamese TV, he was introduced to Nguyen Hong Ny — the very man he'd shot down.

After a whirlwind tour of the country he'd fought in — guided by the man with whom he was once locked in mortal combat — Cherry would hold Ny's granddaughter and visit the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" prison, where he would find a photo of an imprisoned former comrade. Ny would soon visit America, going to Washington, D.C., and the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial — and sitting in the cockpit of the very fighter Cherry had used to shoot him down.

As Ny was about to return home, he told Cherry he didn't like the title of his book. "You and I were never really enemies," Cherry remembered Ny telling him. "We were just soldiers fighting for our countries." 🇺🇸



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Local oilfield manufacturer honored

By: Multiple Media Reports, as edited by Jane Arnette

Each year at its annual banquet, SCIA honors one industrial member with the distinguished SCIA President's award. The award is given in recognition for being a successful industrialist, entrepreneur, and community supporter. It is in appreciation for the many contributions made to the people of South Louisiana and while serving in a leadership role.



Kenny Wood Sr. started out as a machinist, making parts and tools used in the oilfield. At 34, he opened K&B Machine with four employees.

The company now employs more than 400 people at five locations in three states, and last night, Wood earned highest honor awarded each year by the South Central Industrial Association.

"This recognition means a great deal to me, and I'm humbled and honored," Wood told hundreds attending the local group's banquet at the Cypress Columns meeting hall. "Though I accept this award, I accept it on behalf of all of us. We did it the hard way — we worked for it."

Kenneth Wood Sr. graduated from St. James High School in 1959. He spent 6 months in the LA National Guard doing basic training at Fort Jackson South Carolina. After that, he attended Delgado Jr. College in New Orleans where Mr. Kenny obtained his degree in machine tool technology.

Mr. Kenny started his career as a machinist working for various companies, and in 1974 he decided to open K&B Machine. He was 34 years old.

The services of K&B are virtually the same as they were when the company first opened; of course it is a lot more extensive today. Due to Mr. Kenny's dedication and persistent nature, K&B Machine Works, LLC currently has 5 locations in three different states including Louisiana, Texas, and Pennsylvania. In the 38 years of K&B Machine's operation, the company has grown from less than 20 employees to approximately 400.

For the last 15+ years Mr. Kenny's son, Kenny Jr., has been running the company. Mr. Kenny Sr. no longer gets involved in the day to day operations of K&B Machine; although he is involved in strategy planning and financial meetings.

Because education is important to Mr. Kenny, he is deeply involved with the Fletcher Community College Foundation. His priority is to help advance Fletcher's technical school in machine tool technology. In his spare time, you will find Mr. Kenny hunting and playing golf regularly.

Currently, Mr. Kenny serves on the Board of Directors at Coastal Commerce Bank and Impact Selectors, a company that manufactures, rents, and leases a comprehensive line of technologically advanced mechanical impact tools for open-hole and cased-hole wireline operations. Mr. Kenny is also involved with the Maria Immacolata Church and Catholic Organization. Family is priority as Mr. Kenny is the father of 4 children and 9 grandchildren.

Kirk Meche, SCIA outgoing president of the group said the work it took to create K&B's success — and the dedication to keep the company and it's jobs local — inspired the organization's board to give Wood the honor. 🇺🇸

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Dupre draws huge crowd. Talks Morganza to the Gulf. Tony Alford shows levee district support.

As reported from *The Courier and Jane Arnette*

Former State Senator and current executive director of Terrebonne Levee District proved that Morganza to the Gulf is an important topic when he spoke to over 200 area residents at the SCIA meeting.



He spoke of the multiple Reaches that have been completed and those that will soon be completed. He included the Gordon "Bubba" Dove barge that will be used as a lock for the project.

Of great interest to everyone was the possibility of a tax to support the completion of the project. On Dec. 8, Terrebonne voters will be asked to approve a half-cent sales tax aimed at raising as much as \$150 million to finish

Terrebonne's Morganza-to-the-Gulf levee system and build additional hurricane protection in Falgout Canal, Bayou Black and Gibson.

The Terrebonne Levee District voted unanimously to approve the tax proposal. The proposal will be on the ballot for the Congressional election. If approved, it would go into effect in April 2013. The half-cent sales tax, which would expire after 28 years, would raise about \$11.2 million a year in Terrebonne.

Dupre said a bigger, federally financed; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-built levee system is increasingly unlikely. A new report updating the cost and construction standards of the federal project puts the new price of the levee system at \$10.7 billion. That report has not been released to the public. State and local taxpayers would have to pay 35 percent of the total cost of the corps' Morganza project, which would come out to about \$3.7 billion.

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“Now more than ever, we as a parish are going to have to protect ourselves with state and local money,” La State Representative Gordon Dove said. “If you look at common sense, are we realistically going to get the federal government to commit \$10.7 billion to Terrebonne and Lafourche in the face of a \$16 trillion deficit? I’m a no-tax Republican, but I’m 100 percent behind this because it is going to save Terrebonne Parish.”

If the tax is approved, the Terrebonne Levee District plans to sell bonds, which could raise about \$150 million immediately to pay for the levee project. It would use the tax money to repay the debt over the 28 years, said Terrebonne Levee Director Reggie Dupre.

Tony Alford, president of the Terrebonne Levee District said, “the Levee District needs an additional \$75 million to build levees connecting Grand Caillou and Little Caillou and for a floodgate on Bayou Little Caillou, \$25 million to build levees connecting Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes and \$20 million for a levee and floodgate on Bayou Pointe-aux-Chenes. Without a local source of money, Morganza could go unfinished for a decade or longer.” 



At the request of US Congressman Steve Scalise, several local leaders were invited to an energy meeting to discuss various issues related to the energy industry. Representing SCIA were Jane Arnette, Lori Davis and Ted Falgout. The roundtable discussion included representatives from various oil and gas companies, other service organizations as well as US Congressmen Gene Green (TX), Mike Palazzo (MS) and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor.



Kenny Wood Sr., with his family accepted the Lantern Award from LED for the Bayou District on behalf of KB-Machine. SCIA was the nominating group for KB Machine. The award is based on contributions to the economy, growth of business and participation in community activities.



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Stephanie Hebert receives Tillman Esteve Award

By: Jane Arnette

The Tillman Esteve Outstanding Member of the Year Award is presented in honor of founding board member Tillman Esteve from Bollinger Shipyards. This award is chosen by the SCIA Board of Directors based on service to the organization and community in which he/she lives.



Our recipient this year is Stephanie Hebert who has proven beyond a doubt that she can withstand the struggles of life, having worked her way up through the ranks of the business

world. Knowing how strong her path has been, she has developed a spirit of giving back to the community in a myriad of ways.

Her credibility and diligence has placed her on several community service boards, including the H-T Chamber of Commerce, South Central Industrial Association, and Kiwanis Club. She assists with programs for many non-profit organizations including the American Heart Association,

American Cancer Society, Leukemia Society, Special Olympics, Law Enforcement Association, Houma Firefighter and the LA State Police Troop C Grant-a-Wish program. These many contributions lead to her award as a Volunteer Activist and Athena award winner.

Through the years she has become a huge advocate of Nicholls State University through its athletic department and assisting with the dyslexia program.

Professionally, she has been recognized by her peers on many occasions, including the Small Business of the Year Award and numerous achievement awards. She is the owner of Stephanie Hebert Insurance Agency, which is affiliated with Allstate.

Her loyalty and association with SCIA has been shining brightly for the past 15 years, having served on committees, chaired the banquet committee several times and has served on the SCIA Board of Directors for several years.

She is a champion! We are most fortunate to have such a dedicated person in our community. 🇺🇸



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SCIA presents Scholarships with huge crowd in attendance

By: Jane Arnette

Each year SCIA presents several high school scholarships to member company employees' children. Presentations were made in May and July to several outstanding students from the region. This year's awards were presented before huge crowds at the respective monthly meetings, topping 200 at each. This is a great testament to the commitment to the organizations, and programs we support, and the quality of speakers.

The Gordon Bubba Dove Scholarships, (\$2500 each) were presented by the Dove family to:

Andrew Paul Roussell, is the son of member company Thibodaux Regional Medical Center employee Rebecca Roussell and her husband, Anthony. Andrew Paul is a recent graduate of Central Lafourche High School. Over the years, he has received many academic awards while active in athletics and clubs. His plans are to attend LSU and major in Engineering.

Jace Dylan Bigler, is the son of Danos employer, John and Durlene Bigler. He graduated from Vandebilt Catholic High School where he received several academic awards. One of the things that he has championed is serving as a volunteer at the Regional Military Museum. His plans are to attend LSU, U of Alabama or Louisiana Tech and major in Engineering.

Brynn Sapia, daughter of Carroll and Mary Lynn Sapia is from member company, Vacco. She was ranked 15th in her graduating class at Ellender Memorial where she was active in band, the National Honor Society, student council and power lifting. She has worked as a cashier at Cannata's and tutored younger students. Her plans are to attend Nicholls and major in Biology and Psychology.

Meghan Philp, is the daughter of Susan Mayer-Philp, of member company Regions Bank. She is a recent graduate

of Vandebilt where she received several awards, including athlete of the year and the US Marine Corp Athletic & Academic award. She will be attending Belmont Abbey where she will be playing soccer and majoring in Sports Management.

The Aimee Celeste Lagarde Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was presented by Brenna and Bobby Barthel to:

Brandon Patrick Borne, is the son of Mc Dermott employee, Linda Borne and her husband Patrick. This honor student has been involved in many Christian activities and athletics while maintaining an honors curriculum at ED White Catholic High School. His plans are to attend LSU and major in Civil Engineering.

SCIA President, Kirk Meche presented the SCIA Otis T. Logue (SCIA founding member) scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to:

Joshua Paul Robichaux, is the son of Whitney Bank employee, Tammy Robichaux and her husband Ryan. This FFA member and athlete has maintained a 4.0 at Central Lafourche High School where he ranked first in his class. His plans are to attend LSU and major in Petroleum Engineering. 🇺🇸



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NSU Receives funds from Gordon Bubba Dove Foundation

In addition to providing several student scholarships through SCIA, the Dove Foundation presented Nicholls State University with a check for \$5,000 to assist the Maritime Management Program that is being developed through the efforts of SCIA, OMSA and several businesses of South Louisiana. A need to educate students on administrative duties with the marine industries is at a critical point. The program will be implemented through the flourishing NSU College of Business under the leadership of Dean Shawn Mauldin. NSU professor, Dr. Ken Chadwick will “officially” start as the director of the program and has already started working on the courses. The courses and funding sources were established through a core group of area business leaders. This program is 100% industry driven. A special thanks to SCIA Board Secretary, Robert Clemons (Seacor) for being at the “helm” of this project and rapidly moving it forward.

Clifford Smith Receives Lifetime Award



Wm. Clifford Smith, T. Baker Smith (TBS) Chairman of the Board, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the America's Wetland Foundation at the “Toast to the Coast” reception in New Orleans. Mr. Smith was honored as a

long time coastal restoration and protection advocate.

Clifford has been an active member of many coastal restoration and protection initiatives and organizations including the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and Restore or Retreat. Mr. Smith has also served as a member-designee of the Mississippi River Commission, established by Congress in 1879 to provide water resources engineering direction and policy advice to the Administration, Congress, and the Army in a drainage basin that covers 41 percent of the United States and parts of two Canadian provinces by overseeing the planning and reporting on the improvements on the Mississippi River.

Clifford Smith said, “I am honored and humbled to receive this award because all of my coastal efforts through the years have been for preservation—for my life, my family and my community. Simply, I am motivated by the human survival instinct and have been fighting for years for the survival of our communities in Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes.”

TBS Recognized Once Again as Top 500 National Design Firm

For the fifth consecutive year, T. Baker Smith (TBS) joins the ranks of the Top 500 Design Firms in the Engineering News Record (ENR), a highly respected design and construction weekly publication. The Top 500 Design Firms span the U.S. and are ranked according to design-specific revenue. A privately owned firm in south Louisiana, T. Baker Smith proudly stands at number 270—a jump forward from number 467 five years ago. While most Louisiana firms that make the list have trended downward, TBS has consistently advanced on the list for the last five years. Kenneth Smith, President and CEO said, “T. Baker Smith is proud to be a part of this prestigious list over the years.”

“There are approximately 140,000 firms in the nation. To be considered in the top 0.5% of firms is an honor,” continued Smith.

TBS has provided professional solutions to private, public, and industrial clients in south Louisiana, the Gulf Coast, and beyond for nearly a century. Our expertise includes engineering, planning, surveying, environmental, geophysical, marine positioning, construction management and much more. T. Baker Smith employs 270 associates, and the firm continues to grow with office locations in Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Thibodaux, Houma and Shreveport, Louisiana as well as Houston, Texas.

NSU Petroleum Services Receives Industry Match

Tellus Operating Group LLC, a Mississippi-based oil and gas company, has finalized the first installment of a multiple-source endowment that will fund new petroleum services labs at Nicholls State University. The total endowment is expected to exceed \$300,000. Ty Rivet, drilling manager for Tellus and Nicholls representative for the American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE), said the Nicholls program is the “ideal choice for the receipt of these funds. We are proud to be able to support the Gulf Coast oil and gas industry in this way.” The initial \$10,000 gift from Tellus – along with an additional \$3,000 from Turbo-Chem International Inc. of Houston, Texas – will help launch the first phase of the project, which includes constructing and equipping a state-of-the-art drilling fluids laboratory and student computing center. The lab is expected to be ready for student use in fall 2012 and will be named in honor of the late Nicholls supporter Johnson “Bubba” Hale Jr.

Phases two and three will include a reservoir fluids and environmental assessment and monitoring laboratory, expected to be completed by the end of spring 2013. In all, the Tellus and Turbo-Chem donations, along with additional AADE funding, will reach \$153,000. An additional \$184,000 grant from the Board of Regents will fully

fund all three labs. "I am delighted that our petroleum services faculty members have established this industry partnership and secured matching funds from the Board of Regents," Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, university president, said. "The resulting educational benefits will strengthen Nicholls' position as the university of choice in this region, especially among students interested in joining the oil and gas industry."

Dr. Balaji Ramachandran, head of the Department of Applied Sciences at Nicholls, added that "the importance of an industry match cannot be stressed enough. Our faculty members were able to secure the Board of Regents grant in a competitive section under the engineering category because of the industry match. We would like to thank the AADE and our industry partners for their continued support of the petroleum services and safety technology program at Nicholls."

Nicholls Business Dean Named President of LCPA

Dr. Shawn Mauldin, dean of the College of Business Administration at Nicholls State University and Arlen B. Cenac Jr. endowed chair in accounting, has been named president of the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants (LCPA) for 2012-13. Mauldin has produced and delivered more than 90 academic and practitioner articles and presentations. He received the LCPA's Lifetime Achievement in Accounting Education award in 2005, recognizing his accomplishments as an educator and accounting professional. The Thibodaux CPA is also a past president of the LCPA's south central chapter.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration with an emphasis in accounting from Nicholls State University and a doctorate in accounting from the University of Mississippi. Mauldin is also a certified financial planner, chartered global management accountant and a certified management accountant. In the community, he has served on the boards of the South Louisiana Economic Council, Terrebonne Economic Development Authority and Bayou Area Habitat for Humanity. Mauldin is a member of the Thibodaux Rotary Club, Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce and the South Central Industrial Association Workforce Development Committee.

ROR presents Senator with PELICAN Award

Restore or Retreat (ROR) recently presented Senator Mary Landrieu with its PELICAN Award for her years of hard work and dedication to restoring our coast and preserving our way of life in coastal Louisiana.

The PELICAN Award is presented to coastal leaders who are "Passionate, Engaged, Leaders, Innovative, Champions, Advocates, and Never Quit." Previous recipients include musician Tab Benoit and the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District.



"Louisiana has a tenacious, determined and passionate champion in Senator Landrieu," said Charlotte Bollinger, Restore or Retreat Executive Committee member, who presented Senator Landrieu with the award at the Bayou Industrial Group's monthly meeting in Thibodaux. "With the community's support and with strong leadership from advocates like Senator Landrieu, we can continue preserve our coast, economic viability, and community for future generations."

Terrebonne Port Director and T. Baker Smith Engineer Visit Panama Canal Site

T. Baker Smith Principal in Charge, Jimmy Ledet, P.E. and David Rabalais, Terrebonne Port Director, were amongst a group of eight engineers from Louisiana visiting the Panama Canal. The purpose of the trip was to visit the construction site of the enlargement of the Panama Canal and to learn how the widening of the canal could bring additional commerce into the ports along the Gulf Coast. The trip was sponsored by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana (ACECL).



Ledet and Rabalais met with an engineer with the Panama Canal Authority who gave an overview of the project, and also went to the construction site near the Mira Flores locks. The group then met with representatives from the US Embassy in Panama to talk about opportunities for Louisiana due to the Panama Canal expansion. David Rabalais said, "I would like to explore how our region could take advantage of the larger canal. The larger ships may run into depth problems trying to get their ships into Louisiana ports. Maybe a LOOP type facility offshore to offload containers from bigger ships onto smaller ones that would then go up the Mississippi River or maybe get to the rail system in Morgan City might be the answer."



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