

## SCIA Holds Annual Awards and Installation of Officers Banquet

Tony Alford, owner of ASLR and several other business ventures including Falck Alford, is the new president of SCIA. During his acceptance speech, he explained that teamwork and trust are the two key components in leading any organization. His leadership abilities extend from being the CCFC president to the chairman of the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District. He spoke of his passion for securing levees for Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes.

He is an owner of ASLR, an employee benefit and insurance agencies, as well as Falck Alford, an industrial service company. He is also part owner of Dual Trucking Company.


His goals for SCIA are to protect businesses, continue to fight legislation that could hurt business and promote legislation that can help them. He wants to continue to educate the public that without participation and production of our companies, we do not have jobs. He assured the crowd that he would continue the pursuit of excellence for SCIA.

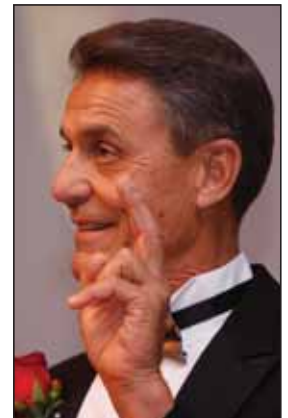
Tony thanked his wonderful family to whom he is totally devoted and said, "Without the support of my wife, Glenda, it would be impossible to pursue the many community projects."

Following his speech, he presented Tony Boudreaux with a President's plaque. He recognized Kenny Smith as past president, director and advisor and Dionne Chouest Austin for serving as a director for almost four years.

Tony Boudreaux presented lifetime member plaques to Charles Theriot and Bobby Bergeron, both founding members of SCIA.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Ted Falgout, SCIA board member.

Pictures of the banquet are available on the SCIA website at [www.sciaonline.net](http://www.sciaonline.net) 



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...



On June 17th, the South Central Industrial Association held its 13th Annual Banquet at Cypress Columns. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our banquet committee and the SCIA staff, it was a great event. Dan Green was a powerful speaker. He passionately discussed teamwork in overcoming any and all obstacles. I thought the speech was very appropriate at this time. Ted Falgout also did a great job being our Master of Ceremonies.

As is our tradition, we recognized two industry leaders that evening. Dick Barker was awarded the SCIA Presidents Award for his many years of civic service and lifetime of being a great community leader. Simone Theriot Miloze, with Restore or Retreat, received the Tillman Esteve outstanding member award for her leadership and service to the SCIA. On behalf of the Association, I would like to congratulate these two well-deserving award recipients and sincerely thank everyone who made this banquet a success.

We will continue the mission of our founders which is to serve the businesses, while addressing needs of the industry. We are in for very challenging times; but we must persevere and continue as a team to face and defeat any

hardships or misfortune that comes before us. Committees are the backbone of our organization and company participation is critical to our success. I ask you to get involved and become active on one of our committees. Visit the SCIA website at [www.sciaonline.net](http://www.sciaonline.net) for important information, dates, meetings, etc.

Also, I would like to thank Tony Boudreaux of Allied Shipyard for his leadership and service to the SCIA for the past 2 years, to Kenny Smith for his 9 years of service to the SCIA and to Dionne Chouest Austin, ECO for her 4 years of service. We always must remember that we are a great Association because of our amazing leaders and members. We couldn't be successful without each and every one of you. I'd like to welcome our newest board members Lori Davis, Rig-Chem, and Lynn Falgout, Bollinger Shipyards.

The next General Membership meeting will be held on July 20th and our scheduled guest speaker is Reggie Dupre, Executive Director of Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District.

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their vote of confidence in the board and me. We will all work very hard to make you proud of the SCIA and the leaders you have chosen.

**Anthony (Tony) Alford**  
SCIA PRESIDENT

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# Speaker Urges Business Leaders to 'Finish Strong'

By: Kathrine Schmidt, *The Courier*

Whether it's making a career change, winning a Super Bowl championship or overcoming tragedy, persistence and faith can carry us through.



Dan Green, author of "Finish Strong," the motivational book that helped rally the New Orleans Saints to victory in Super Bowl XLIV, brought that message to local business leaders Thursday night.

"At the end of the day, you are the quarterback for your life," Green told about 450 attendees at the annual banquet of the South Central Industrial Association, a group that represents businesses in Terrebonne, Lafourche and St. Mary parishes. "You should not let external factors negatively impact you."

Green's encouragement earned a standing ovation from a community bombarded with bad news since the April 20 explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, which killed 11 workers and spawned a gusher that has become the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

The group sought Green earlier this year after hearing interviews about his motivating principles and relationship with Saints quarterback Drew Brees.

But the message proved particularly fitting Thursday, said Jane Arnette, the SCIA's executive director.

He helped the group "continue our quest for being leaders," she said. "He did a good job of making us finish strong. He said just what we needed to hear."

Green's book, just over 100 pages and full of stories of people who triumphed over adversity, was published in 2008. But things got interesting, he said, when he got a call from Brees asking him to buy 96 copies to help rally the team together in the offseason. Brees gave each of his teammates a bracelet imploring them to commit to "Finish Strong." They were so fired up, Green said, that it was becoming clear that something special was about to happen.

That continued into the preseason, regular season and ultimately the postseason. At that stage, Brees called back and suggested the idea of creating black-and-gold T-shirts with the slogan to rally fans and raise money for charity, bringing the idea to the wider fan base.

Area retailers raised \$300,000 for charity in a matter of weeks, helping fuel a groundswell of support that culminated in the Saints' championship.

The principles behind Finish Strong are simple, Green told the crowd. Believe in yourself and the possibility of doing better. Choice: It's not what happens to you, but how you respond that matters. Commitment: Stick to your goals and hold yourself accountable.


One of the most gratifying things from the Super Bowl run, Green said, is hearing how area people have applied the mantra in their own lives. One woman came to him in tears, telling him how the saying had been crucial to her daughter, severely injured in a motorcycle wreck.

He urged attendees to commit to moving forward, even in the face of economic and environmental uncertainty.


"I believe that God doesn't fill our buckets with more than we can carry," Green said. "Now, the buckets are a lot heavier right now; there's no question about it. But we have to have faith that you, your friends, your family your coworkers, they'll get through this."

Keeping these principles in mind, folks can know that whatever happens, "you did your very best, that you did indeed finish strong." 🇺🇸

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# Auto Dealer Receives SCIA President's Award

By: Kathrine Schmidt, *The Courier*

HOUMA — A longtime automotive dealer and business leader was honored with a regional business group's top award Thursday night.



Richard "Dickie" Barker, 74, was recognized as the 2010 recipient of the President's Award from the South Central

Industrial Association, a group that represents businesses from Terrebonne, Lafourche and St. Mary parishes. The award singles out someone who has been successful both in the business world and in service to the community.

He thanked the hundreds of assembled business leaders for the time spent working together over the years, as well as his family for supporting him in his commitments.

"You develop relationships and they stick with you," said Barker, who called the award "quite an honor."

"Working together, you get to be better."

The award, explained 2009 SCIA President Tony Boudreaux, "represents dedication to making an impact and a difference for the well-being and advancements of business and industry."

Barker, a graduate of the former St. Francis de Sales High School and the former Nicholls State College, started his career with Terrebonne Motor Co., a Ford dealership. In 1969, he started his own Lincoln Mercury dealership, and the family business grew to include Kia, Mazda, Mitsubishi, GM and Honda lines.


He has served as president of the Houma Auto Dealers Association, legislative coordinator and chairman of the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission, and a member of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission.

Locally, Barker has also served on the boards for several banks and for a home-health agency.

In the community, his involvement has included service as a trustee for the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and board member of the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce. He has also served on local boards overseeing elections, vocational education and economic development.

He has been recognized as Louisiana Automobile Dealer of the Year for his district and the state, Time Magazine's Quality Dealer Award, and the NAACP President's Award.

At Nicholls, he was recently named to the university's Athletic Hall of Distinction and has served on the advisory board for its business college.

He is married to Charlene Duval Barker and is father to eight children and stepfather to four. 



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# Coastal Advocate Receives Tillman Award

By: Kathrine Schmidt, *The Courier*



**H**OUMA — A coastal advocate and business leader was honored as an outstanding member of a regional business group Thursday night.

Simone Theriot Maloz, 31, executive director of coastal-advocacy group Restore or Retreat, was presented with the South Central Industrial Association's 2010 Tillman Esteve Outstanding Member award. The award is given annually in honor of one of the founding members of the group, which represents businesses in Terrebonne, Lafourche and St. Mary Parishes.

Maloz made her entrance into the SCIA in 2004, when she accepted the same award for her father, Houma accountant and longtime group treasurer Charles Theriot.


"Six years, four hurricanes and an oil spill later, there's been no shortage of things to do," she said. "I'm very proud to keep working on behalf of SCIA, so thank you for this honor."

A member since 2005, Maloz "assists SCIA in every aspect, always ready to give time and resources," said Ed Bouterie, the 2009 recipient of the award who presented her with the honor. She has also helped revamp the group's infrastructure and government affairs committee.

According to Bouterie, Kirk Meche, vice president of the group, said Maloz has the spirit, drive and energy to pursue her goals, calling her "at the top of her game" and a "remarkable committee chair and SCIA leader."

She is also active in other community organizations, serving as a board member of the Bayou Industrial Group and Lafourche Chamber of Commerce, and is involved with committees for the chambers of commerce for both Houma and Thibodaux.

She has also participated in Leadership Lafourche and Leadership Louisiana, and Women of the Storm, a group of female coastal advocates.

She is married to Billy Maloz and is mom to Benjamin, one month. 



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# Governor's Economic Survival Rally – June 24, 2010

By: Kathrine Schmidt, *The Courier*, Edited By: Jane Arnette

HOUMA — A federal judge's ruling adds weight to Louisiana leaders' opposition to a deepwater-drilling ban they contend would destroy local jobs, Gov. Bobby Jindal said Thursday. "He said to the federal government, 'You didn't do your homework,'" said Jindal, who read from U.S. District Judge Martin Feldman's Tuesday opinion overturning the six-month ban ordered by President Obama. "This is a failing grade."



Jindal spoke to several hundred cheering workers at Gulf Island Fabrication in Houma, a facility that builds deepwater production platforms for the Gulf. As business leaders and workers looked on, Jindal urged a new commission reviewing offshore-drilling safety to hold its meetings in Louisiana and listen to the experts and workers who will be impacted by its decisions.


The rally came amid an escalating fight over the ban, imposed May 27 to give a presidential commission time to investigate the causes of the Deepwater Horizon explosion and resulting oil spill and to recommend any changes that might improve worker safety and decrease the chances of another environmental disaster.

The ban, blocked by a federal judge earlier this week, sparked outcry from local and state residents. Houma-Thibodaux and the state are heavily dependent on the

oil industry and the growing market of deepwater drilling. The state estimates the ban result in the loss of up to 20,000 rig positions and related jobs over 12-18 months. Boat crews, warehouse employees and offshore caterers are among those who could be affected. More than 100,000 have signed a anti-ban petition by the Gulf Economic Survival Team, a group of business and political leaders. To sign up, please go to [www.GEST.LA.GOV](http://www.GEST.LA.GOV).



The fears of mass job losses have not yet been reflected in state job figures, largely because it's too soon for those numbers to be included in monthly jobs data. May's employment figures, the most recent available, were compiled in the middle of the month, prior to drilling ban, which was ordered by the Obama administration May 27. The employment rate did rise, however, from 4.6 percent in April 2010 to 5.3 percent in May 2010, compared with 4.5 percent in May 2009. In May 2010, state's rate was 7.1 percent and the national rate 9.3 percent.

But those who spoke at the rally said unemployment is increasing as oil-service companies go into wait-and-watch mode. Speaking at the rally were: Governor Jindal, Kerry Chauvin, Chairman & CEO, Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc., John Knowlton - VP/General Manager, ENSCO Offshore Co., Dwayne Rebstock - CEO, Allport Services, Lori Davis - Owner, Rig Chem, Cory Kief - President of Offshore Towing, Inc., Sheila Rouse - Wife of a trucking company owner (K&S Trucking), Jamie Thibodaux - Mechanic, NREC, Edison Chouest Offshore - Lonnie Thibodaux, Terrebonne Parish, LA Senator Norby Chabert, and LA Representative Gordon Dove. 

## President's Council Meeting

The SCIA President's Council recently met to review the status of SCIA. It was a good report card! Keep focused! Keep going! Present for the meeting held at Copeland's were: Francis Richard - John Deer-Thibodaux, Don Hingle - Business First Bank, Tony Boudreaux - Allied Shipyard, Tony Alford - ASLR-Falck Alford, Bobby Barthel - Gulf Island Marine, and Kerry Chauvin - Gulf Island Fabrication. Very much missed were: Danny Cannon - Valerus, Chet Morrison - Chet Morrison Contractors, Kenny Smith - T. Baker Smith, and Neil Suard - Suard Companies.



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