



# Pachyderms

Of Greater Baton Rouge

September 2012

## August's Meeting

By: Larry Dyer, Secretary BR Pachyderms

The meeting was called to order by President Harold LaCour. The Invocation was given by Gayle Landry. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Dyer.

Lionel Rainey spoke on behalf of VoteGuards.Org, a grassroots advocacy effort he founded to educate the public about attacks on the integrity of voting rights. He spoke about how the Justice Department and

the NAACP are suing the State of Louisiana on issues involving minority voter registration. The suits allege that minorities have not been given adequate opportunities to register to vote. The real danger in this lawsuit is that the plaintiffs are requesting all voter registration rolls. This could lead to massive identity theft. The Louisiana Secretary of State, Tom Schedler, is refusing to release these voting rolls.

Harold LaCour introduced the main speaker of the night, Kevin Kane, founder and president of the Pelican Institute, a public policy organization with the mission of promoting freedom and prosperity in Louisiana. Mr. Kane spoke about Governor Bobby Jindal's decision not to participate in the Affordable Health Care Act. Governor Jindal decided not

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**Welcome Eric Skrmetta,  
This Month's Speaker!**

We would like to welcome our guest preacher for September 27th, Eric Skrmetta. Skrmetta, an attorney from New Orleans, was elected in 2008 to a six year term on the Public Service Commission in District 1, which includes all or a portion of 12 parishes. The PSC is a regulatory agency that oversees public utilities and motor carriers in Louisiana. His address will include comments on the PSC handling of Hurricane Isaac, the U. N.'s Agenda 21 EPA rule and its impact on Consumers and the upcoming November elections. Please send RSVP to **JCLaCour@aol.com**. The optional dinner is \$13. We meet at Great Wall on College Dr at 6:30.

### Calendar of Area Events

- 9/24-Bridgette Gabriel, ACT for America; 7 pm Christian Fellowship Life in BR
- 9/26-RW of BR; 11 am Drusilla Seafood in BR
- 9/27-Pachyderms of GBR; 6:30 pm Great Wall Buffet in BR
- 9/30-Ascension RW, Reception; call (225)644-5728 for info
- 10/9-Last Day to Register to Vote

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From left to right: Judge Toni Higginbotham; Kevin Kane, President of The Pelican Institute; Lionel Rainey, founder of VoteGuard; Judge William Morvant; & Harold LaCour, President of Pachyderms

## The Mess We're In Part 2

By: Larry Dyer, Secretary BR Pachyderms

Back in July, the blog from the American Enterprise Institute produced some startling statistics that paint a clear picture of the unsustainability of our country's welfare state. As they described it, here are some of their "scary factoids."

In the 1960's there were 18 workers per Medicaid recipient. Now there are only 2.5 workers.

There are just 1.25 private sector workers per each person on welfare or working for the government.

There are just 1.65 employed per-

sons in the private sector per each person on welfare.

Food stamp enrollment is up 158% over the past 10 years. Medicaid enrollment is up 52%, government employment up 6%, and private sector employment is down 2%.

The number of people on disability has increased by 53% over the past 10 years. Since June 2009, there have been more new disability enrollees than the number of jobs created.

These statistics look pretty depressing, but they don't show the whole picture. Don't forget, you hard working Americans, you also have to support retirees on Social

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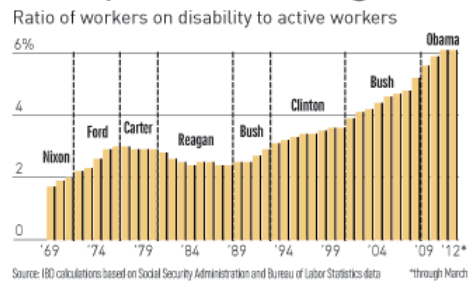
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Security as well as those on Welfare and Medicaid. If you believe that Social Security has a trust fund and you are just getting back what you put in, you are unfortunately quite misinformed. The government spent all that money a long time ago. Well, according to the Heritage Foundation, there are now only slightly more than three workers per retiree on Social Security. Back in 1945 there were 45 workers per retiree.

According to my calculations, those three people supporting that one person on social security, if they are in the private sector, have to also support 2.4 people on government assistance or working for the government. Those three people have to support at least a total of 3.4 people. Congratulations, you each have your own 1.13 people counting on you. And that doesn't include even include the people in your own family!

Oh, I forgot to mention one other Apply for disability!

### Disability Ranks Reach New Highs



\*Graph sourced from thegatewaypundit.com

thing. A sizeable portion of those three private sector workers supporting those 3.4 people don't really pay all that much in taxes. If you are one of the 53% of workers in this country who actually pay federal income taxes, you get to support even more than those 3.4 fellow citizens! I bet that makes you want to work even harder, doesn't it?

If you are really depressed now, and fully cognizant of the totally crazy mess we've gotten ourselves into, I have only one suggestion for you.

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to allow the state to create health care insurance exchanges because the Federal government would end up controlling these exchanges, not Louisiana. The state would have to pay for exchanges it had no control over. Mr. Kane also spoke about Governor Jindal's decision not to allow the state to participate in the expansion of Medicaid under the AHC Act. The federal government would pay for new enrollees, but the federal payments would be phased out over time. The decision not to participate was one primarily based on budget constraints. The state does not have the money to pay for the additional Medicaid recipients in the coming years.

A question and answer period was held after Mr. Landry's talk for both speakers. The meeting adjourned thereafter.

#### More information can be found at:

- [voteguards.org](http://voteguards.org)
- [PelicanInstitute.org](http://PelicanInstitute.org)
- [PachydermsOfGBR.org](http://PachydermsOfGBR.org)



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It's that time of year again, it is time to nominate and elect new officers for our club! If you are interested in helping to grow the Republican Party and fight liberalism then consider serving on the Pachyderm Board. No experience is necessary, only a desire to educate the public and promote conservative causes. For more information contact our nominating board; Greg Neff (gsneff@drhorton.com), Larry Dyer (ldyer@executenow.com), and Luke Sheldon (sheldon225@yahoo.com) today!