

## The Gulf Oil Spill: Concern and Resources for Support

Here at CABL, we have been contacted by many *Leadership Louisiana* Alumni expressing concern about the oil spill disaster in the Gulf. We share that concern. The Gulf of Mexico oil spill is not like other disasters. It's a "slow-motion" crisis unfolding over many weeks, compounded by the fact that we do not know the full geographical scope nor all the short- and long-term consequences. Meanwhile, we are witnessing disturbing images of dying wildlife, people out of work, fisheries devastation and marshland destruction. Unlike other disasters where volunteer rescue and recovery needs are evident and immediate, this disaster can prove perplexing to those who want to help or be better informed.

There are many efforts underway, however, that you can access and/or support. We have provided a list of organizations, agencies and funds on Page 4 that are focused on one or more approaches: 1) fundraising for long-term goals to restore and sustain our vast coastal wetland ecosystem; 2) providing direct on-the-ground efforts such as clean-up, aid to people who have lost livelihoods or wildlife rescue; 3) registering and organizing volunteer efforts; 4) providing official notices, maps, real-time images, citizen sighting and reporting info, links to recent news; and 5) acting as donation conduits to on-the-ground nonprofit or community efforts. It is not an exhaustive list, but these sites also lead to even more resources.

In addition, Below is a letter of concern submitted by Rabbi Barry Weinstein, a 2008 Leadership Louisiana alum.

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## No Man is an Island

Heartache.

I believe this word represents most accurately how all of us feel about the continuing crisis in the Gulf of Mexico. It's almost impossible to divert thought from the devastating impact the gushing oil brings to environment, animals, business community and especially personal lives of everyone living on or near the Gulf.

The poem "No Man Is An Island" includes these words:

No man is an island  
Entire of itself.  
Each is a piece of the continent,  
A part of the main.

Each man's death diminishes me,  
For I am involved in mankind.  
( John Donne)

How diminished each of us shall always be from the deaths of those who perished on the Deepwater Horizon Drilling Rig. We also are the less as we witness the ever so sad passing of pelicans, turtles, and other sea life.

All of us graduates of Louisiana Leadership will forever cherish our memories of the beauty of Grand Isle - Port Fourchon, and the indomitable spirit of those we met there. We hold in our hearts and prayers each and every person in or near the Gulf for courage, strength and hope.

May the Source of Goodness sustain all so deeply affected by this tragedy.  
Respectfully,  
Rabbi Barry

### Continued Thanks to Our Major Statewide Underwriters

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## Leadership Louisiana Class of 2010 in Thibodaux/Port Fourchon and Baton Rouge. Next Stop: New Orleans

### 2010 Calendar

#### New Orleans Session

July 15th  
Opening Reception  
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.  
Port of New Orleans  
Administration Headquarters  
Building

#### Shreveport Session

September 23rd  
Opening Reception  
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.  
Sci-Port: Louisiana's Science  
Center

#### 2011 Application Online

October 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Alexandria Session

November 11th  
Opening Reception  
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.  
Home of Patrick and  
Randalle Moore

#### 2010 CABL Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon

December 3rd  
9:30A.M.-1:30 P.M.  
Hilton Capitol Center—  
Baton Rouge  
201 Lafayette St.



Leadership Louisiana 2010 on the beach in Grand Isle.

Brad Grundmeyer, Charlie Babineaux, Jady Regard, Scott Broussard, and Denna McGrew at the home of Nicholls State University President Stephen Hulbert for the opening reception of the Thibodaux/Port Fourchon Session.



Katharine Kay, Gina Jones, Staci Sullivan and Lizette Terral at the Shaw Center for the Arts in downtown Baton Rouge.



Steve Strohschein, Henry Florsheim, Sherrie Despino, and J. Cullens at Juban's Restaurant in Baton Rouge.



## Leadership Louisiana Alumni Updates

**Eddie Ashworth**, class of 2003, was named Director of the Louisiana Budget Project.

**Terri Broussard**, class of 2007, was appointed to the Board of Directors for Leadership Austin.

**Walter Bumphus**, class of 2002, was named President and CEO of the Board of Directors for the American Association of Community Colleges.

**Michael Burdine**, class of 2009, was appointed to the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners.

**Don Cazayoux**, class of 2005, was named U.S. Federal Attorney by President Obama for the Louisiana Middle District.

**Nancy Crawford**, class of 2004, was named 2010 Chair of the American Hospital Association's section for maternal and child health.

**Angelle Davis**, class of 2006, resigned as State Commissioner of Administration to take an executive position in the private sector.

**Mary Durusau**, class of 2002, became the Director of the Louisiana Old State Capitol.

**Michael Echols**, class of 2004, is became Director of Business Development for Vantage Health Plan.

**Karen Eddlemon**, class of 2004, was recognized as one of the

top 5 employees of Dow Chemical Company in North America and one of their top 20 employees worldwide.

**Mike Futrell**, class of 2008, has been called to active duty in the Navy and will be stationed in Hawaii.

**Mary Ann Newton**, class of 1999, received the designation of Certified Economic Developer from the International Economic Development Council.

**Keith Short**, class of 2002, became head of Iberia Bank's operations in two South Florida counties.

**Stevie Smith**, class of 2002, became Vice President of All South Engineering Consultants.

**Elizabeth Treppendahl**, class of 2005, was one of *Baton Rouge Business Report's* 2010 Influential Woman in Business.

**Christopher Tyson**, class of 2009, accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Law at the LSU Law Center.

**Blaine Walker**, class of 2009, left Monroe and moved back to her home state of Kentucky.

**Paul West**, class of 2007, left the law firm of McGlinchey Stafford to establish a regional casino law practice with the firm of Baker Donelson.

### In Memory of Friends and Colleagues...

In the past year or so, we have seen the loss of some very special Leadership Louisiana alumni...all of whom were extraordinary individuals, true leaders who put their tremendous talents and passion to work for their state, communities and people in need. Every one of these ladies and gentlemen possessed a generous

spirit and keen intellect, and they stepped out to lead when it was important to do so. They made a difference.

It is with deep sorrow that we recognize the passing of our friends, and with great honor that we remember their lives and contributions:

- **Kirk Bennett**, class of 2002
- **Brace Godfrey**, class of 2001
- **Roselyn Koretzky**, class of 2004
- **Gordon Pugh**, class of 1998
- **Sharon Taylor**, class of 1990



## Oil Spill Response Resources

**Louisiana Gulf Response:** [www.lagulfresponse.org](http://www.lagulfresponse.org) The Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program, the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, the National Audubon Society, the National Wildlife Federation and The Nature Conservancy are coordinating volunteers to assist in local, state and federal recovery efforts in Louisiana. With a history of work in Louisiana, they are combining efforts to implement an effective volunteer response. Right now they are only asking volunteers to register who will be contacted when an appropriate opportunity is available to assist.

**Volunteer Louisiana:** [www.volunteerlouisiana.gov](http://www.volunteerlouisiana.gov)

**Catholic Charities Oil Spill Relief Fund:** [www.ccano.org](http://www.ccano.org) This effort focuses on crisis counseling, food, and meeting other needs of children adversely affected by the oil spill disaster.

**Gulf Aid Foundation:** [www.gulfaid.org/sponsors.html](http://www.gulfaid.org/sponsors.html) Their mission is to provide relief to the fishing community along the Gulf Coast and their families. Gulf Aid has many partners and has already hosted music events to raise funds.

**Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana:** [www.crcl.org](http://www.crcl.org) CRCL is joining with its partners at the local, state and federal level to begin registering volunteers to assist with spill recovery efforts. As they prepare to engage volunteers in various aspects of this emergency, they need financial resources to carry out a successful recovery.

**The Greater New Orleans Foundation's Gulf Coast Oil Spill Fund:** [www.gnof.org](http://www.gnof.org) GNOF will serve as a conduit between the donors and nonprofit partners. *Short-term:* The fund will make emergency grants to nonprofit organizations helping the victims of the oil spill. *Long-term:* The fund will help address the long-term economic, environmental, cultural effects of the disaster, and strengthen coastal communities against future environmental catastrophes by investing in solutions.

**LSU Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill Resources/Response:** [www.lsu.edu/pa/mediacenter/tipsheets/oilspill.shtml](http://www.lsu.edu/pa/mediacenter/tipsheets/oilspill.shtml) On-line fact sheet that includes resources that range from a list of speakers and experts available to the public to the real-time Gulf of Mexico Coastal Observing System: ([gcoos.tamu.edu/products/section/oilspill](http://gcoos.tamu.edu/products/section/oilspill)) to the Vet School's wildlife rescue efforts.

**Gulf of America Fund:** [www.braf.org](http://www.braf.org) A fund set up by television satirist Steven Colbert. It will be administered by the Baton Rouge Area Foundation to make donations to nonprofit groups working on the disaster along the Louisiana coast. Microsoft seeded the fund with \$100,000.

**Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research:** [www.tristatebird.org/](http://www.tristatebird.org/) Experts from Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research are leading the wildlife rescue efforts and they have been on the Gulf Coast

since the last week in April. They are working with their West Coast colleagues, International Bird Rescue Research Center, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to manage the rehabilitation of oiled wildlife.

**Louisiana Wildlife Federation:** [www.lawildlifefed.org](http://www.lawildlifefed.org) The LWF is partnering with the National Wildlife Federation to establish volunteer surveillance teams to assist with the response.

**Official site, Deepwater Horizon Response Unified Command:** [www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/page/2931/46359/](http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/page/2931/46359/) Report oiled shoreline or request volunteer information: (866)-448-5816. Submit your vessel as a vessel of opportunity skimming system: (866) 279-7983 or (877) 847-7470. Wildlife Reports: (866) 577-1401.

**Coastal Conservation Association (CCA):** [www.joincca.org/media%20room/Gulf/oil\\_spill.htm](http://www.joincca.org/media%20room/Gulf/oil_spill.htm) Provides official fishing closures and bulletins as well as links to recent news articles.

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):** [www.response.restoration.noaa.gov/dwh.php?entry\\_id=812](http://www.response.restoration.noaa.gov/dwh.php?entry_id=812) NOAA provides official updates and fact sheets on everything from oil trajectories and impacts on wildlife to dealing with pollutant contact and seafood safety.

**Louisiana Seafood.Com:** [www.louisianaseafood.com](http://www.louisianaseafood.com) Up-to-date news and information on oil spill impacts and on safe and available Louisiana seafood.

**Save Our Shore Gulf Relief Fund:** [www.sosgulfcoastrelief.com](http://www.sosgulfcoastrelief.com) Cox Communications has launched this relief effort to help victims of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster. The relief effort will make emergency grants to nonprofits helping with the recovery effort, work with the Greater New Orleans Foundation to invest in projects to protect coastal communities from future disasters, and partner with volunteer organizations to train people for the cleanup.

**Restore or Retreat:** [www.restoreorretreat.org](http://www.restoreorretreat.org) Restore or Retreat is a non-profit citizen and stakeholder coastal advocacy group that seeks to identify and expedite the implementation of aggressive, large-scale restoration projects to protect this irreplaceable region.

### 2011 Leadership Nominations Send them in today!

Do you have a great candidate for Leadership Louisiana? We will begin the application process in September for the 2011 class. Get your nomination in today. Go to CABL.org and get nomination form in the Leadership Louisiana section of our web site or email sheree@cabl.org.

