

## Members:

Bill Abell MPH SM	Sherrie Lewis* PH SM
Chuck Abell PH SM	Bengt Lindell PH
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Debbie Benoit SM	Emery Lyon PH SM
Herschel Bourque* MPH SM	Jimmy Martin MPH SM
Pat Deshotel SM	Rick Matte SM
Nicole Doucet SM	Paul Matthews SM
Michael Fender	Ronnie Petree SM
Sam Fontenot PH SM	Alex Prudhomme PH SM
Kim Gary SM	Clarence Prudhomme MPH SM
Mary Gaudin* SM	Elia Richard* SM
Paul Guillory PH	Richard Robertson PH SM
Arlene Heinen SM	Amanda Sonnier
Becky Hudson* MPH SM B	Bob Taylor PH SM
Carla Johnson PH SM	Kyle Todd* SM
Phil Kramer PH SM	Cora Mae Vital PH SM
Chip Kyle PH SM	Justin Welch* SM
Dave LeJeune* MPH SM	Jim Wright* PH SM

\* – Board of Directors

SM – Sustaining Member

MPH – Multiple Paul Harris

PH – Paul Harris

B – Benefactor

### Honorary Members

Cassius Clay PH	Gilbert Lyon, Jr.
Ken Daniel	Mary Sue Lyon
Jay Fear PH	Ronnie Oustalet

## Today's Program

Elia Richard presents

**CAROLYN LOUVIERE**  
Mayor of Welsh

## Make-ups

Club	Day/Time	Location
Crowley	T Noon	Crowley Town Club
Eunice	W 12:10	Ardoin's
Jennings	T Noon	Walkers: Holiday Inn
Kaplan	Th Noon	KC Hall
Kinder	T Noon	UMC Annex
Greater Lake Charles	W Noon	Reeve's Uptown
Lake Charles	T Noon	Pioneer Club
Mamou	W Noon	Mamou Teen Center
Oakdale	Th Noon	Beth's Restaurant
Sulphur	W Noon	Frasch Park Rec.
Sulphur	F 7:00	West Cal-Cam Hospital
Sunrise		
Westlake	Th Noon	Farraday's

Club Members are encouraged to make up meetings at the above clubs, to promote fellowship and increase attendance. If you are traveling out of the area, ask JIMBO or BECKY to locate a club for you in your area of travel.

# THE THRESHER

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WELSH

ESTABLISHED – JUNE 5, 1936



April 7, 2011

**Ray Klingensmith**  
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**Kyle Todd, President – Elect**  
**Becky Hudson, Secretary Treasurer**

# JIM'S JAB...



Last week's program, Mayor Randy Roach was both enlightening and informational. Today we have our own mayor and fellow Rotarian, Carolyn Louviere who will share her plans for our town

We are competing for Louisiana's Cleanest City Award. The first phase is on the district level and if we qualified this morning, the judges will be back to have a more thorough look at us in May.

That pride in ourselves and caring about our community will go a long way in helping us to win this honor. We have so much for which to be proud.

## April District Conference Month

### Upcoming Programs and Events

**April 7** – District Conference Steering Committee meets today at St. Martin Bank Boardroom – 5 PM

**April 14** – Richard Robertson

**April 16** – District Assembly in Lafayette – please sign up

**April 21** – Bob Taylor

**April 28** – Ronnie Petree - Administrative Professionals Day - Please make plans to attend, sign up and remember to bring a gift for each guest  
Welsh Community Center

## ROTARY FOUNDATION RESPONDS in HELPING JAPAN



### Rotary Foundation alumni respond

Alumni of Rotary Foundation programs are also supporting Japan's recovery efforts:

- Rotarians and friends of Rotary in District 3330 (Thailand), an area extensively damaged by the 2004 tsunami, are among those who have felt especially moved to respond. The district's Rotary Foundation alumni association worked with local Rotary clubs to raise \$15,000 in contributions.
- A Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from District 6450 (Illinois, USA) was in Tokyo when the earthquake struck on 11 March. Japanese Rotarians "provided our team with unbelievable kindness and generosity" throughout the exchange, says team leader Bob Blackburn. He adds that they "cared for our well-being during and after the earthquake," including ensuring that the team didn't miss its flight home to Chicago. "My wife and I offered the Westmont Rotary club [Illinois] an opportunity to match our \$500 contribution to District 2750 [part of Tokyo and Pacific Islands] for disaster relief efforts, and they responded with an additional \$4,500. Plus, our GSE team members have pledged an additional

\$425, for a total of \$5,425. Rotarians always come to the aid of others in an emergency. Please help our friends in Japan any way that you can."

- Former GSE team members and others in District 5450 (Colorado) are also mobilizing support. "We were involved with the outbound and inbound teams to Japan's Sendai area last year and have been heartbroken to learn about the tragedies experienced by their friends," says Past District Governor Mike Oldham.
- Miho Fukuhara, a former Rotary Peace Fellow from Japan, is temporarily leaving her post as a United Nations and intergovernmental affairs officer at UNICEF headquarters in New York City to join the Japan Committee for UNICEF for five weeks. "I never thought of myself being sent to Japan for emergency response work," says Fukuhara, who managed and coordinated reconstruction programs in Iraq for Peace Winds Japan earlier in her career. "It is really sad to see the situation, but I will do my best."