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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.

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF WELSH

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Today's Program

Phil Kramer presents

David Clayton

Superintendent of Jeff Davis Parish Schools

JIM'S JAB...



We welcome our newest member to our club, **Kim Gary** – manager of Ninety-one Stop. Her sponsor is **Richard Robertson**. Please make her feel at home.

Welcome back from the Thanksgiving holidays.

There is a lot going on this month beginning today with a District Conference Planning meeting this afternoon. Check the calendar below.

Next Thursday, there is **no noon meeting** because of the Christmas party that night. Please take gifts for your guest and you – elephant, interesting or original.

The Welsh Roanoke Community Choir's Christmas cantata – ***The Promised Hope...starts with a child's first cry*** – will be held in Welsh on Sunday, December 12. It will be presented at the First Methodist Church at 9:00AM and at the First Baptist Church at 6:00PM. The public is invited to attend and there is no charge.

Upcoming Programs and Events

December – Family Month

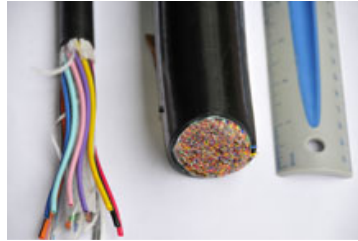
Today – District Conference Planning Meeting at St. Martin Bank board room – 4:30PM

December 9 – Christmas Party - Community Center Social – 6:30PM and Dinner – 7:131/2PM

December 16 – To be announced

December 23 and 30 – No meetings because of Christmas and New Year's

Colorado Rotarians Get their State Connected



Fiber optic cable carries 16 million conversations - copper cable carries only 300.

able to operate an electron microscope located at a major research center from their schoolroom, or control in real time an astrophysical facility in Australia."

"The capacity and speed will be so great that every hospital, every library, every museum, every business, every government entity and virtually every residence in the state will also be able to receive extraordinary access and Internet speed," Klug adds.

The Internet project grew out of the Denver club's centennial project, which was to partner with History Colorado to create a series of satellite museum sites, linked by Internet to the main facility in Denver. Students throughout the state would then be no more than 50 miles from one of these branches, where they could take part in live video presentations and access exhibits remotely. Denver Rotarians discovered, however, that the broadband Internet service necessary to support the satellite locations was either inaccessible or too costly in many parts of the state.

Club members latched onto the idea of working with [EAGLE-Net](#), a technology-purchasing cooperative for Colorado schools, to seek funds set aside by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for expanding broadband connectivity. EAGLE-Net's previous attempt to secure a grant was unsuccessful, but Rotarians had something the cooperative lacked

"At present we're 42nd in the nation in terms of Internet connectivity," says John Klug, a member of the Denver Rotary club.

"But soon, our schoolchildren, even in remote rural locations, will be

"Rotary is trusted, Rotary is everywhere and Rotary is nonpolitical," Klug says. "We decided that by working with all Rotary clubs in the state, we could combine our strengths, and our huge collective Rolodexes to get this done."

Klug and Past RI Director Grant Wilkins met with the state's three RI district governors to get all 144 Rotary clubs behind the idea. They then lined up the support of former U.S. Senator Hank Brown and former Colorado Governor Dick Lamm for a [YouTube video](#) touting the proposal.

Rotarians throughout the state beseeched school boards, elected officials and business groups to get involved. The Colorado Legislature passed a joint resolution supporting the initiative, which was then forwarded to the Colorado congressional delegation in Washington, D.C.

In September, just seven months after Rotary took up the initiative, the state received news its request would be fully funded, along with another \$35 million of in-kind donations from major players in the technology industry. EAGLE-Net will build the 5,000-mile fiber-optic network over the next three years.

Klug said the campaign shows what Rotarians can do when they band together. "Use the power of Rotary, our vast strengths, to combine with private interests and other government entities, and in doing so, you will accomplish more than a single club could ever accomplish on its own."

The Denver club will pursue its centennial project with History Colorado as the broadband network is built and work with other Colorado Rotary clubs to support and help fund the satellite locations.