

## Members:

Bill Abell MPH SM	Bengt Lindell PH
Chuck Abell PH SM	Carolyn Louviere SM
Rick Arceneaux MPH SM	Jimmy Louviere SM
Heather Ballard* SM	Emery Lyon PH SM
Debbie Benoit SM	Jimmy Martin MPH SM
Herschel Bourque* MPH SM	Rick Matte SM
Pat Deshotel SM	Paul Matthews SM
Nicole Doucet SM	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
Sherrie Lewis* 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

## 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

ESTABLISHED – JUNE 6, 1936



**February 24, 2011**

**Ray Klingensmith  
President of Rotary International**

**Clarence Prudhomme  
Governor District 6200**

**Dave LeJeune  
Assistant Governor**

**2010 - 2011 Officers  
Jim Wright, President  
Kyle Todd, President – Elect  
Becky Hudson, Secretary Treasurer**

**Today's Program**

**PAUL**

**MATTHEWS**

# JIM'S JAB...



Today we welcome the February Welsh Roanoke Students of the Month. They are:  
6<sup>th</sup> grade - Caroline Matte  
7<sup>th</sup> grade - Kaline Meyer  
8<sup>th</sup> grade - Courtney Roland

Carolyn, Matlock, Becky, Sherrie and Wimp are in Baton Rouge attending the LMA Mid Winter Conference.

## February is World Understanding Month

### Upcoming Programs and Events

- March 3 – Emery Lyon
- March 10 - Alex Prudhomme
- March 17 – Review of the District Conference
- March 24 – Elia Richard
- March 31 - Randy Roach, Mayor of Lake Charles

**District Conference Committee Meeting  
TODAY February 24 at 5:00PM  
St. Martin Bank and Trust Boardroom**

**District Conference – March 17 – 19  
\$130 .00**

Conference includes All Club Lunch, Food Fest, Rotary Foundation Lunch and District Governor's Banquet and all sessions  
Or you can register for separate events

### Special Events Extras

**Golf Tournament – Koasati Pines \$55.00**

**2-Day Spouses Tour \$35.00**

Jennings and Crowley

**RV Hook –Ups Available**

Town of Welsh – \$15.00

Park North of Jennings – \$20.00

Outside Pavilion – \$30.00 and \$50.00

## Mercedes-Benz Brazil contributes to Rotarian relief efforts in Chile



Chile.

Ana Carolina Silvestre da Costa, a Rotaractor and former Rotary Youth Exchange student, has been working in the internal communications department for Mercedes-Benz Brazil for three years. Because of her community service work through Rotaract, Costa was put in charge of overseeing the company's charitable giving.

When Costa's superiors asked her for ideas as to where the company could make a donation for earthquake relief, she reached out to Roberto Barroso Filho, a past district governor, who encouraged her to suggest the Brazilian Association of The Rotary Foundation

"When I took it to the upper level, everyone had already heard of Rotary and knew its reputation," Costa says. "No one had any hesitation."

José Alfredo Pretoni, a past RI director and past Foundation trustee, met with Mercedes-Benz representatives to discuss the terms of the donation and served as the liaison to Rotary leadership and the Brazilian Association of The Rotary Foundation.

### Rotary Chile Recovery Fund

The Mercedes-Benz donation more than doubled the amount available to Rotary clubs through the Foundation's Rotary Chile Recovery Fund, set up after a powerful earthquake in February 2010 devastated

parts of Chile. The quake and a subsequent tsunami destroyed homes, hospitals, and schools, displacing families, limiting health care, and blocking children's access to the schools that remained open.

Part of the Mercedes-Benz donation has been used to purchase three ambulances to help transfer patients in the communities of Constitución, Talco, and Talcahuano to regional hospitals, and three minivans to shuttle children to school. The remainder is available to Rotary clubs and districts through Matching Grants for recovery projects in Chile.

"With this humanitarian help, we hope to mitigate the difficulties faced by the Chilean population, especially in this important moment of reconstruction and return to normal daily routine," says Jurgen Ziegler, president of Mercedes-Benz Brazil.

Although the Foundation is no longer accepting contributions to the Rotary Chile Recovery Fund, a significant portion of the \$1,000,000 collected by the fund remains to be awarded. The fund is administered through Matching Grants and can be used for projects providing humanitarian assistance and supporting disaster recovery in Chile. The fund acts as the Foundation's match for disaster recovery projects taking place within the country. A club or district in the affected regions of Chile may partner with a club or district outside of Chile and apply for a Matching Grant.

For help in reaching Rotary leaders in Chile, contact Susan Doxtator, Humanitarian Grants supervisor, at [susan.doxtator@rotary.org](mailto:susan.doxtator@rotary.org).