

## 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
Michael Fender SM	John Pickle
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	Bob Taylor PH
Becky Hudson* MPH SM B	Kyle Todd* SM
Carla Johnson PH SM	Cora Mae Vital PH SM
Phil Kramer PH SM	Justin Welch* SM
Chip Kyle PH SM	Jim Wright* PH SM
Dave LeJeune* MPH SM B	
Sherrie Lewis* PH SM	

\* – Board of Directors

SM – Sustaining Member

MPH – Multiple Paul Harris

PH – Paul Harris

B – Benefactor

### Honorary Members

Ken Daniel	Mary Sue Lyon
Jay Fear PH	Ronnie Oustalet
Gilbert Lyon, Jr.	Kitty Prudhomme

## Make-ups

Club	Day//Time	Location
Crowley	T Noon	Crowley Town Club
Eunice	W 12:10	Ardoin's
Jennings	T Noon	Walkers: Days 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



June 30, 2011

**Ray Klinginsmith**  
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

INSTALLATION of 2011 – 2012  
OFFICERS and BOARD

CITIZEN of the YEAR  
and  
ROTARIAN of the YEAR

# JIM'S JAB...



What a great, momentous experience this year has been. Our club has for the first time in its history, been the home of the district governor of District 6200. This is a great honor for DG Clarence and First Lady Kitty, and while they indeed did most of the work involved in this office, you supported them throughout.

Our club, with the help of neighboring clubs, sponsored Clarence's District Conference, and with your efforts made it a success for the District.

We participated in the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans, serving etouffee to between 2 and 3 thousand people from all over the world. This will almost certainly be the last time in our lifetimes that this convention comes to Louisiana.

We have honored our veterans. We are proud to count in our membership two WWII vets, who served our country faithfully.

We have supported our youth, with three active youth clubs in the Welsh-Roanoke Schools. Sharing lunch with many of the students is a personal privilege and a community service that I feel we must continue. It is not trite to say that our children are our future. It's just a fact.

Most of all, I feel that our club has honored the original purpose of Rotary, which was founded by a group of businessmen as a business and fellowship network. Now, it is a tribute to the product coming from men of good will that Rotary has morphed into the largest and most successful service organization on earth.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your President during 2010-2011.

## Rotarians Complete Library for New Orleans Mission

Rotarians gathered at a mission in downtown New Orleans, to dedicate a library to RI President Ray Klinginsmith, a nod to his twin loves of reading and the city of New Orleans.

Rotarians from 24 clubs in five districts spent three days finishing and furnishing a 1,400-square-foot library and reading room at the New Orleans Mission as a pre-convention service project. After the work was complete, Klinginsmith cut a yellow ribbon and declared the library open.

It was the culmination of a larger effort that, like many Rotarian endeavors, began with scribbles on a cocktail napkin – in this case, at a zone institute in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where five 2008-09 district governors decided they wanted to work together on a project.



Hundreds of hours and \$30,000 in cash and in-kind donations later, a hurricane-devastated library was transformed into a bright, tranquil space filled with comfy furniture and hundreds of books.

The New Orleans Mission, the largest private service provider for the city's homeless, houses 200 to 250 men and women, provides 12,000 to 15,000 hot meals a month and helps its residents find work and ultimately

housing, according to Executive Director Ron Gonzales. When Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005, the mission was destroyed, and the city's homeless population more than tripled.

Rotarians contributed to the restoration by cleaning, doing roof and ceiling repairs, replacing lighting and windows, and collecting furniture, rugs, and hundreds of books. Then on 19 May, Rotarian volunteers from California, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana and Missouri converged on the mission to clean and paint the library, assemble bookcases, and organize the books.

Before the dedication, "we were frightened, very frightened" that everything wouldn't get done on time, says Elizabeth Usovicz, past governor of District 6040 and one of the project organizers. But the Rotarian can-do spirit triumphed, and everything was ready for the ribbon cutting.

"We want to encourage the residents to use the library instead of watching TV in the day room," Gonzales says.

With such an inviting space and so many books to choose from, that should be an easy goal to achieve.