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### Honorary Members

Cassius Clay PH	Gilbert Lyon, Jr.
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**Today's Program**  
**RANDY ROACH**  
 Mayor of Lake Charles

## 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



**March 31, 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**

# JIM'S JAB...



Last week we had the March Welsh Roanoke Students of the Month. Our program, Richard Hartley was both interesting and illuminating .

Today we welcome **Randy Roach**, Mayor of Lake Charles and look forward to his being with us.

The President of Rotary International, **Ray Klinginsmith** and Rotary International Director, **Noel Bajat** will be featured guests at the our district's Rotary Foundation Gala on April 2 (Isee

## ~ March ~ Literacy Month

### Upcoming Programs and Events

**April 2** – Rotary Foundation Gala – business casual – Opelousas – Meet RI President Ray Klinginsmith

**April 5** – Flower planting – EarlyAct Club at City Hall

**April 6** – Welsh vies for Cleanest City

**April 7** – Elia Richard

**April 14** – Richard Robertson

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

**April 21** – Bob Taylor

**April 28** – Administrative Professionals Day

**Please make plans to attend and remember to bring a gift for each of your guests**

## ROTARIANS RESPOND to TSUNAMI CRISIS



below). Rotarians have been finding a number of ways to help victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan that killed thousands and left hundreds of thousands more homeless.

In response to the disasters, The Rotary Foundation established the [Rotary Japan Disaster Recovery Fund](#), which will support long-term recovery projects in the affected areas. More than \$500,000 has been donated since the fund opened on March 11.

"It is encouraging to know that our overseas Rotary friends care about us," says Yuzaburo Mogi, president of the Rotary Club of Tokyo. "I am confident that the people of Japan will overcome this great disaster, and we are hopeful that we can get over the various difficulties soon."

District governors in Japan are running a fundraising campaign to send money to the governors in affected areas. Mogi says that Rotarians who wish to help Japan should contribute to the Foundation's [recovery fund](#). (Rotarians and non-Rotarians can [donate online](#))

The first Matching Grant project to receive support from the fund was approved a week after the disaster. Clubs in districts 3350 (Cambodia and Thailand) and 2820 (Japan) are using a total of \$65,650 to help provide food and drinking water for 15,000 people at an evacuation center in Ibaraki.

Three Rotary districts in Japan are using district funds to help. District 2610 (Ishikawa and Toyama) has developed an emergency relief project to provide public housing for up to 500 families evacuated from the disaster areas. District 2840 (Gunma) shortened its presidents-elect training seminars from two days to half a day and donated the remaining funds earmarked for the seminars to relief efforts. And District 2680 (Hyogo) set up a contribution box during its district conference, raising about \$7,500 for recovery efforts.

The Rotaract Club of Tokyo launched the Cheer Tohoku project to rally the support of Rotaractors around the world, asking them to use Twitter to send messages of support to survivors in northeast Japan. The club is also [using Twitter to post photos](#) of Rotaractors holding up short messages they've written. "We thought we could make use of the worldwide Rotaract network to show people in the stricken area that we care," says club president Ai Takahashi.

The Rotary Club of Akashi, Hyogo, sent a private airplane carrying a load of medical supplies to the Rotary Club of Sukagawa, Fukushima, which delivered them to a hospital near Fukushima Airport. The governor of District 2640 (Wakayama and parts of Osaka) and six Rotarians also brought 1,000 blankets to Rotarians in the Fukushima region.