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### Honorary Members

Ken Daniel	Mary Sue Lyon
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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: 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



May 19, 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

Jim Wright presents

**DR. GERALD CARLSON**

ULL Education Dean

# JIM'S JAB...



We welcome **Dr. Gerald Carlson**, Dean of Education at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette as our guest speaker today. He is President of the Rotary Club of Lafayette South.

Congratulations to **Lucas Trahan**, son of Scotty and Angie Trahan. He was selected as the 2011 recipient of the Dr. PO Kramer Scholarship awarded last night. He has a 4.0 GPA and will attend McNeese State University in the Fall.

Crowley, Greater Lake Charles, Jennings, Welsh and Westlake will provide Crawfish Etouffee (thanks to **Carla** and her staff) for the Rotary International Convention. C'est si bon!!!!

## MAY

### Environmental Month

**May 21 – 25** RI Convention in New Orleans

**May 26** – Spring Picnic – Becky's Home

### No meeting at noon!!!

**June 2** – Mike Fender – Walter Gotreaux – President of the Country French Music Association

**June 9** – Open

**June 16** – Eloise Cassidy – Big Brothers, Big Sisters

**June 23** – Open

**June 30** – Installation of 2011 – 2012 Officers and honoring our Citizen and Rotarian of the Year

## Powerful Tornadoes Devastate the South



**The Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge in Alabama was destroyed during tornadoes. The damage caused District 6860 to cancel its annual conference.**

In response to the deadly storms and tornadoes that swept across seven southern U.S. states on April, 27. The Rotary Foundation has established a disaster recovery fund to support long-term club and district projects in affected areas.

Clubs and districts can [donate](#) cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations to the [Rotary Southern](#)

[United States Tornado Disaster Recovery Fund](#). The deadline for contributing is December 31.

At least 350 people were killed in the storms, which razed towns and caused between \$2 billion and \$5 billion in damages. Hundreds of thousands were left without power for several days.

The hardest-hit state was Alabama, with 250 deaths.

While tornadoes are common in the South, they are rarely this devastating, says Past RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr., a member of the Rotary Club of Shades Valley.

Almost 30 tornadoes have hit Alabama, says Estess. "This is the worst destruction I've ever seen. Communities are completely destroyed," says Estess. "Many local Rotarians are helping with immediate relief by volunteering with first-responder organizations such as the Red Cross. Club members are also helping to clean up the debris," he said.

"Through all the damage and tragic loss of life, we are seeing a significant spirit of caring and desire to help our fellow man,"

he says. "Rotary will be there to help communities rebuild when many of these disaster relief organizations leave."

Past RI Director Mark Daniel Maloney, a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur, was stunned by the widespread damage.

"Driving through some of the communities, I realized the tremendous magnitude of the tornadoes. Chills went down my back when I saw the sheer destruction," he says. "There were areas where I couldn't see one vertical piece of construction."

Maloney says that two of the biggest long-term needs are educational opportunities for families and economic development.

"Economic development will be extremely important for towns, where many of the businesses were destroyed," says Maloney. "Our goal is to provide resources to those with innovative ideas that will help people get back on their feet."

District 6860 has established a [donor advised fund](#) to assist with relief and recovery efforts. District Governor John H. Valieant was forced to cancel the district conference.

The district's disaster recovery committee will be reaching out to communities to assess the most pressing needs, says Valieant. "We'll be there for the long haul to lend a hand to help people rebuild their lives."

### THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

Play for more than you can afford to lose and you will learn the game.

~ Winston Churchill

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

~ Albert Einstein