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**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.

# THE THRESHER

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WELSH

ESTABLISHED – JUNE 6, 1936



**November 11, 2010**

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

### Today's Program

Carla Johnson presents

## Paul J. Theriot

Section Supervisor

Career and Technical Education

Louisiana Department of Education

# JIM'S JAB...



Kudos to the CHF Committee spearheaded by Sherrie and your participation and hard work in making our Coming Home Festival such a resounding success. Final tally will be soon.

Congratulations to our newest Rotarian, **Paul Matthews** and his lovely wife, **Lucille**. Welcome!!!



**Thank a Veteran:**  
Tomorrow we celebrate **Veterans' Day**. Special programs will be held at the Welsh High School gym and also at Welsh Roanoke to honor those who served our

country. Thank you - **Bill, Chuck, Phil, Chip, Dave, Jimmy M., Paul M., Alex, Clarence, Bob and Kyle**. God bless America and all who have served to protect our freedoms.

We welcome our **November Students of the Month** from Welsh Roanoke Junior High:

6<sup>th</sup> grade - Zachary Williamson

7<sup>th</sup> grade - Taylor Duplichan

8<sup>th</sup> grade - Lamikka Prudhomme

DG Clarence and FL Kitty's official visit is next week. Please wear your Rotary shirts.

## Upcoming Programs and Events

If you see your name here, please call **KYLE** with your program as early as possible  
**734-4606** or **409.656-0441**.

## November is Rotary Foundation Month

November 18 - DG Clarence and FL Kitty

November - 25 - Thanksgiving (no meeting)

## Young Rotarian quits job – makes service his life

*Andrew Kerr came out of high school primed for success*



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Four days after he got home, Kerr asked for another week's vacation and returned to Iowa. His mind was made up. "I drove home,

quit my job, stored my stuff at my parents' house, and bought a plane ticket back to Cedar Rapids," he says. Over the next four months, along with doing physical work, he raised money through Rotary clubs and recruited volunteers so successfully that when David Campbell, the executive director of Hands On, showed up for the project's completion in October, he offered Kerr a full-time job.

Through the organization, Kerr has responded to flooding in New York State, tornadoes in Arkansas and Missouri, and earthquakes in Sumatra, Indonesia. "Sometimes it's overwhelming," he says. "But it's fun too. You're out there with volunteers from around the world, living, eating, working with them for 24 hours a day, and you bond quickly with them and with the communities you're working in. It's a great feeling."

As development coordinator, Kerr's duties include fundraising, grant writing, public speaking, and supporting staff in the field.

Since January, he's spent several months in Haiti, where Hands On has two full-time employees and a base that houses 100 volunteers. "We do rubble removal – a lot of it has to be removed by hand, so you can salvage as much as possible," he says. "There's a field hospital where we built shelves for the supplies that volunteers bring in; we categorize everything and provide runners when doctors or nurses need something. We try to find where the gaps are and fill them in."

Kerr, who's now 28, has spoken to more than 60 Rotary clubs about fundraising, promoting volunteerism, and attracting younger members. Rotarians have responded by donating their money and time to Hands On projects. As for Kerr, he doesn't see himself turning back.

"It takes a little getting used to, living in a bunk space, just taking along what you need, but you find out you don't need a big wardrobe or a fancy car," he says. "It's been crazy. It's a really cool adventure; I absolutely love it. I travel all over the United States, all over the world. It's a dream come true that I don't think would have ever happened if I hadn't joined Rotary at 22 years old."