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**Honorary Members**

Cassius Clay PH	Gilbert Lyon, Jr.
Ken Daniel	Mary Sue Lyon
Jay Fear PH	Ronnie Oustalet

**Today's Program**

Kyle Todd presents

**Mr. Atkinson**

Research in Cardio Vascular  
Technology

## 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



**October 21, 2010**

**Ray Klinginsmith**  
President of Rotary International

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Governor District 6200

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Assistant Governor

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**Jim Wright, President**  
**Kyle Todd, President – Elect**  
**Becky Hudson, Secretary Treasurer**

# JIM'S JAB...



## Coming Home Festival update:

After a hectic 2 weeks we are back on track. **Kudos** to the committee spearheaded by **Sherrie** for doing a super job working with the town and getting everything ready.

We need everyone to step up to the plate, something which we, as a club, have always done. Please contact **Dave, Kyle** or **Herschel** to sign up for the different booths. We meet at **Sherrie's** next Tuesday at 4PM.

The 5-K Run sponsored by **The Boudin Brothers (Rick, Ronnie and Sam)** is next **Saturday, October 30 at 8AM**. All volunteers are to meet at **Sam's State Farm Office** at 7:00AM.

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

6<sup>th</sup> grade - **McKinley Heinen**

7<sup>th</sup> grade - **Landon Hill**

8<sup>th</sup> grade - **Chastity Joseph**

**DG Clarence** and **FL Kitty** will be here on **November 18**. Please begin collecting toiletries (soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, etc.) for **Kitty's Women's Shelter** project. Bring them to **Rotary**.

## 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**.

## October is Vocational Service Month

October 28 - Coming Home Festival Readiness  
**Sherrie and Kyle**

## Young Rotarian quits job – makes service his life

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



**After gutting flooded homes in Cedar Rapids, Kerr helps reframe damaged walls**

He took a job in real estate lending, and by the time he was 20, he had bought a house near his hometown of Cary, North Carolina, furnished it with a big-screen TV and parked a nice car in the driveway.

"I read a book that suggested joining a service club for networking opportunities," he says. "So I went online and checked out Lions Clubs, Kiwanis, and Rotary – which seemed the coolest to me because of its commitment to community service and national networking."

Within months of joining the Rotary Club of Research Triangle Park, Kerr had organized a 5K race. Although he'd become a Rotarian for the networking, that project helped him focus his interest in service. "I worked long hours for six months under a lot of stress, but it gave me something that was missing in my life and got me thinking that I might want to do this kind of thing for a living, although I didn't know how," he says. He continued to volunteer for club projects, and after two

years at the age of 24, he became his club's youngest president.

By 2008, Kerr was a lending manager at a large real estate agency, but the business climate and his spirit for the work had begun to wane. Then something he read online fed into his growing affinity for community service. "The idea was volunteer vacations. I like traveling, and through Rotary I was getting into volunteering, and the two together seemed really cool," he says.

At the end of June that year, he and a friend drove to Iowa after record-breaking floods hit the region. They spent a week tearing down and clearing out ruined houses with a nonprofit called Hands On Disaster Response. "One day, 22 members from the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids West showed up," he says. "We dug through a nasty, muddy, gross-smelling basement, everybody pitching in, becoming friends, helping the community. And I remember one woman who said, 'If you hadn't volunteered, I would have lost the house that I inherited from my mother, which has been in our family for 45 years.'"

To be continued.....