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Cassius Clay PH	Gilbert Lyon, Jr.
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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

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John Kenny
 President of Rotary International

Greg Landry
 Governor District 6200

Dave LeJeune
 Assistant Governor

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 Becky Hudson, Secretary Treasurer

Today's Program
Cora Vital Presents
 The Robinson Ensemble

Sherrie's **Lambchops**

Our Board of Directors met Monday afternoon. Today we will discuss the outcomes, including plans for the Coming Home Festival and Roastin' with Rosie. We have good volunteer participation, but can always use more help. These events will raise funds for our programs and for Clarence's District Conference fund.

Louisiana is in for another round of hurricane impacts, according to Governor Bobby Jindal and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. This problem will involve loss of hundreds of millions of dollars of income within the State. It will impact every individual and every business in Louisiana economically.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 3: Rick Arceneaux

September 10: Elia Richard

September 17: Heather Ballard

September 24: Debbie Benoit

Elia's program is on the calendar.

If you see your name here, please call Jim with your program as early as possible at 734-2199.

FMAP: ANOTHER STORM BREWING

RECOVERY INCOME THREATENS LOUISIANA BUDGET

Louisiana's Governor and the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) are petitioning the Federal Government for relief from an upcoming increase in Louisiana's part of the matching funds used to pay for services to our citizens. Failure to secure relief from this increase could have a devastating impact on every sector of Louisiana's economy, lifting hundreds of millions of dollars from the economy in fiscal 2010-2011.

The increase in Louisiana's share comes as a result of increased income into the State as a result of hurricane relief dollars pumped into our economy, and now gone. The Federal Government computes the matching dollars it contributes to medical programs in each state based on average income figures within the states by determining the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP).

On July 20, 2009 Governor Bobby Jindal held a press conference to highlight the critical need for urgent federal action to fix Louisiana's projected decrease in the FMAP due to a flawed calculation that includes temporary economic activity due explicitly to the recovery from two major hurricanes, which will cost the state hundreds of millions of additional dollars unless the calculation is fixed. Prior to the press conference, Governor Jindal had a meeting with U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu to discuss a solution for the state.

Louisiana's impending dramatic decrease in federal funding is due to the federal formula's faulty calculation of sources of income in the state, including insurance and Road Home payments after the 2005 storms. From 2005 to 2007, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Louisiana's per-capita income is reported to have increased by 42 percent – a dramatic, sudden increase which will drop the state's federal Medicaid funding.

Governor Jindal said, "It's critical that we fix the FMAP rate or Louisianians will suffer the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars all due to a faulty calculation by the federal government which has absurdly included recovery dollars as personal income. The people of Louisiana have been devastated by four major storms in just over three years and they're fighting to get back on their feet, and should not be victimized again by their own government. This formula will put severe pressure on health care funding, higher education funding and other key Louisiana priorities. I want to thank Senator Landrieu for her assistance and leadership in working with our delegation to correct this situation."

Louisiana's FMAP, which would normally be 72 percent, is temporarily enhanced by the federal stimulus. This coming October, the FMAP will decrease to 67 percent, and then will decrease to 63 percent in October 2010. The drop in the FMAP from 72 to 63 percent will cost the state an estimated \$700 million per year. The state will start seeing this loss of funding this October, with the full impact starting January 2011.