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Honorary Members

Cassius Clay PH	Gilbert Lyon, Jr.
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Today's Program
Memories of District Conference
Preparation for District
Conference 2011

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

2009 – 2010 Officers
 Sherrie Lewis, President
 Jim Wright, President – Elect
 Becky Hudson, Secretary Treasurer

Sherrie's Lambchops

This has been a fun-filled month. Last week District Conference in Lafayette followed Administrative Professional's Day. At the District Conference, Clarence was confirmed as District Governor, and *The Thresher* once again was named best club bulletin for clubs of our size.

The trash bash will be May 15. We will meet at the park at 8AM and clean Adams Street from I-10 to the park. We'll serve supper the first night of RYLA, June 3. Volunteers are appreciated. Jazalyn Bias and William Landry will attend from WHS.

Our Early Act members planted a tree in honor of their schoolmate who died recently.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

April 29 – Emery Lyon

May 6 – Jimmy Martin

May 13 – Ronnie Petree

May 20 – Alex Prudhomme

May 27 – Clarence Prudhomme



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Students at Welsh Roanoke Jr. High planted a pinwheel exhibit at the front of the City Hall to focus our attention on April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Child Maltreatment 2008," an annual report issued every April marking the start of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, points out that an estimated 772,000 children were victims of child abuse and neglect during the year, a rate of 10.3 per 1,000 children. Data from the states continue to indicate that almost a third of the victims are younger than four years old. More than three million reports of suspected child abuse and neglect were received in 2008, involving six million children nationwide. This represents a decrease in the number of cases from last year. "Although we are encouraged by the decrease in child maltreatment, the results show too many children still suffer from abuse and neglect...", said Carmen R. Nazario, HHS assistant secretary.

R.I. Council on Legislation approves dues increase

Representatives at the 2010 Council on Legislation approved Tuesday a US\$1 a year increase in per capita dues that clubs pay to Rotary International, starting in 2011-12.

The increase is only half the amount the RI Board of Directors had initially proposed. The original amount of a \$2 annual increase was based on financial forecasts projecting deficits for RI in coming years without a dues increase. But directors reduced their recommendation after a variety of recent financial indicators showed a more positive economic forecast for RI.

Markets have improved considerably since the last fiscal year when the original proposal was finalized, and Rotary's General Surplus Fund is well above the Council-mandated minimum reserves.

In addition, the Secretariat has been successful in making significant cuts in expenses, including expanded offshore operations in Pune, India. Other budget cuts have resulted in less spending for consultants, temporary help, volunteer expenses, publications, and postage. The RI Board and general secretary are committed to continued process improvements and cost reductions.

The Council action means that Rotary clubs will pay per capita dues to RI of \$51 per year in 2011-12, \$52 per year in 2012-13, and \$53 per year in 2013-14. Per capita dues are currently slated at \$50 for 2010-11.