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Make-ups

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 JIM or BECKY to locate a club for you in your area of travel.

Rotary Club of Welsh website:
www.welshrotary.org

Today's Program
PDG Richard Churchman
Foundation Chair

THE HARVEST

Richard “Big Rich” Churchman will address our club today regarding the Rotary Foundation and stewardship.

Our Foundation supports the diverse worldwide efforts of Rotary to promote peace, prosperity and understanding. Contrasting with the seemingly dominant negative theme in the news today, Rotary stands for values shared by most of us: caring for ourselves and others, truth, fairness good will and mutual benefit for all. The best business is mutually beneficial business.



Rotarians Becky, Bernadine, Bengt and President Arlene serve Rotary Dogs at the downtown Christmas event Saturday.

Once again, Welsh Rotary represented at the annual Christmas celebration in downtown Welsh. Featuring the annual Christmas parade, music from the Sweet Adelines, food from many vendors and gift sales, the event drew several hundred happy visitors to celebrate the season.

Their smiles tell the whole story.

Rotary Foundation Brings Hope

It's a bright, sunny morning in Rubias, a picturesque farming village in the mountains about 35 miles east of Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. In a few hours, that sun will begin to power a new water filter, providing the 100 families who live here with access to clean drinking water for the first time.

Ken Surritte is guiding José Lucas Rodríguez Fontáñez, a member of the Rotary Club of Yauco, through the installation of a SunSpring water filtration system. Surritte founded the organization Water Is Life with the goal of installing SunSpring filters wherever people lack clean water. The Yauco club teamed up with Water Is Life to bring the system to Rubias and two other towns, with most of the funding coming from Bob Murray's donation to The Rotary Foundation.

“Now the whole community will have clean water,” says Rodríguez. “Because this system runs on solar power, it will work even when the electricity is out.”

Rodríguez was governor of District 7000, which covers the entire island of Puerto Rico, when Maria hit. He became a primary contact person as clubs across the island began to organize relief efforts. In the immediate aftermath of the storm, he coordinated the distribution of necessities such as food and water. Now he's focused on helping Puerto Rico rebuild.

“We wanted to do something to make life better than it was before,” Rodríguez explains. The club decided to help the people in Rubias because it's one of more than 200 villages so remote that they are not served by Puerto Rico's sewer and aqueduct authority. Instead, families here had constructed a rudimentary electric-powered system to pipe water from a Now, after six hours of work in the 90-degree heat and oppressive humidity, Surritte has the SunSpring system up and running. He explains how it works to a small crowd gathered around the tall silver cylinder.nearby stream into people's homes. They use that water to wash dishes and bathe, but must drive an hour to the nearest grocery store to buy bottled water to drink.

“God knew what we needed,” says Mariano Feliciano, a community leader who will maintain the filter. “We're so grateful for this water.”