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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.

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www.welshrotary.org

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Today's Program
Jo Ann Blair
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THE HARVEST

We are all, I am sure, grateful to those members who have chosen to serve as our leaders over the years. I am taking this opportunity to thank specifically Arlene for guiding our club during the past year. Her energetic and dedicated management of our club honors all of us, our community, and our Rotary District, as well as Rotary International.

Participating actively in Rotary isn't for everyone. Traditionally, members have been expected to attend meetings regularly, participate in club projects and support District and International efforts. The results of Rotary work in our community, State, and in our World are unmatched by any other organization. There is one caveat. Participants, to be effective, must accept the discipline involved in group activity. For some in our time this is an insurmountable goal.

Personal liberty is a founding principle of American culture. That being said, it is difficult to find any achievement of any magnitude by any nation that does not involve concerted effort by an organized group with the will to assemble and focus not on differences among members; but rather to concentrate on achieving group goals.

In the end, Jesus was right. So were our founding fathers. It's about us, not you or me. Thanks again to Arlene, and to all of our Rotary leaders, local, District, and International for bringing us together to achieve great things.



A year after Hurricane Maria tore through Puerto Rico, local Rotary members continue to rebuild homes and lives

Faustino Rivera pats Montalvo affectionately on the shoulder. It's September 2018, a year since Hurricane Maria, and Rivera and several other members of the Rotary Club of Mayagüez have stopped by to visit. Montalvo lives in a fishing town called El Maní outside the city of Mayagüez on the island's west coast. He invites his guests inside to see the progress he has made adding a shower to his bathroom. The Mayagüez club paid \$4,200 for the materials Montalvo used to add a second story to his home. Made of concrete, outfitted with hurricane shutters, and built high enough off the ground to avoid flooding, the new addition contains a small kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom. "I've been a Rotarian for 40 years, and I've never seen so much help come from other Rotary clubs," Carlo says. And for Montalvo's part, he has remained optimistic in spite of all he went through. "Hurricane Maria gave me more than she took," he says.

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