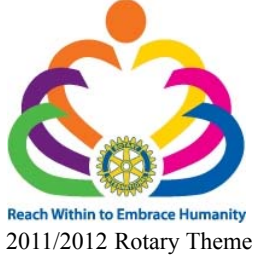


# ROTARY ANCHOR



**New London Rotary Club**  
**District 7980 Club 6741**  
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**Meeting Thursday November 17, 2011**

**AM Group 7am Thursday Muddy Waters**



## Nov 17 Life as a Lighthouse Keeper - Doug Allen

Nov 24 - Thanksgiving NO MEETING

<b>Reporters:</b>	Nov 17	Linda English
	Dec 1	Alan Lyon
<b>Greeter:</b>	Nov 17	Pete Connair
	Dec 1	Art Costa
<b>Invocation:</b>	Nov 17	Ulysses Hammond
	Dec 1	Lorraine Allen
<b>Song Leader</b>	Nov 17	Millie Devine
	Dec 1	Linda English
<b>Birthdays</b>	Nov 19	Carmelina Kanzler
		Steve Percy
	Nov 26	Michel Belt
	Nov 29	Chris Neilan
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nov 17	Todd Gipstein & Marcia
	Nov 20	Ed Cornell & Peg
	Nov 22	Nick Utz & Lana
		Lana Utz & Nick
	Nov 25	Julia Kushigian Secor & Charlie

## Rotary Program from October 27, 2011

Reporter: Mark Patnode

Tom Wetmore introduced his daughter, Jennifer, and son-in-law Larry Sellers, a retired Navy chaplain. Their presentation was an update on the grant that the New London Foundation approved five years ago to bring water purification to villages in Nicaragua. Nicaragua is a very poor country and lacks the infrastructure necessary to supply its populace with potable water. The main concern is water from hand-dug wells. The water purification work is tackling that problem.

Jenn began her presentation by showing brief videos of the efforts undertaken in Nicaragua. Since 2002, with help from Rotary International, over 200 wells have been drilled in Nicaragua. Members of the Rotary Club of Tulsa, Oklahoma



[www.OwnAWell.com] and New London participated in this project. Funds donated were used for a water tank, filtering, and septic systems. Despite numerous power outages, the water purification is maintained through a generator to serve the 20,000 people in the village.

Access to water is not the only problem in Nicaragua. Access to safe water is the issue. In conjunction with the Bixby, Oklahoma Rotary, the Sawyer Corporation [www.sawyer.com] uses its water filters to purify water by removing all pathogens and parasites. Sawyer advertises its "green" filters by saying "The only energy source required by Sawyer filters is gravity." The Sawyer filters last decades without replacement, and Jenn showed a video of how simple it is to use.

The filter is based on dialysis and has hollow fiber membranes. Experience has shown the filters clog soon if especially dirty water is used. The people in one village figured out on their own how to use cheesecloth to pre-filter the water.

Jenn and Larry gave some colorful details on how the Rotary club in León, Nicaragua conducted their meetings. They sat in rocking chairs and drank rum - life at a different pace! Jenn also talked about meeting and working with Mickey Moore ("I'm an illiterate millionaire!"), a Rotarian from Tulsa, Oklahoma, who digs wells all over Central America for Rotary International.

Summing up, Jennifer and Larry praised the generous gifts pledged from New London Rotary which are allowing further and continued efforts to improve the quality of life for Nicaraguans.

## Officers and Board Members Nominated

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for the 2012-13 term beginning July 1, 2012



**President: Kathleen Neal**  
**President-Elect: Merideth Diette**  
**Vice President: William Schmidt**  
**Secretary: Geraldine Tom**  
**Treasurer: Walter Makepeace**

**There will be a paper ballot on December 15th**

Nominated for Board Term: 2012-2015

**Art Costa Kate Schargus Ivan Sadler Toni Bingham**  
 Top 3 candidates will be elected to the Board



Art Costa

Kate Schargus

Ivan Sadler

Toni Bingham