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## Malibu Rotary Club Gives Gift Cards to Fire Victims



**The Malibu Rotary Club distributed 23 \$500 Gift Cards to students who were victims of the Woolsey Fire.**

The recipients of the Gift Cards were determined by local residents who had filled out Malibu Emergency Relief Fund application established by the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu and had been screened by B & G Club as needing immediate emergency relief.

Most of recipients were given the gift cards by Santa Claus at the Malibu Boys and Girls Club Teen Center on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The gift cards were made by First Bank by donations made by members of the Playa Vista Sunrise Rotary Club to the Malibu Rotary Club specifically for victims of the fire. Those selected recipients who were not able to come to the B & G Teen Center on December 18<sup>th</sup> will be able to get them at the First Bank Malibu branch at 3822 Cross Creek Rd. The bank phone number is 310- [456-5579](tel:3104565579).

The Rotary team giving Gift Cards to fire victims at the Malibu Boys & Girls Club Teen Center on December 18



**L to R Teresa LeGrove Cherkas, Carlye Rudkin, Gwen Vuchsas, Mark Koller, Marianne Beema, Margo Neal, Santa Claus (Bill Wishard), Howard Pollack, Bianca Torrence and Nagy Henein. Gwen is the President of the Playa Vista Venice Sunrise Rotary Club and Howard is the member of that club who made the major donation toward the fire victims gift cards. Everyone else pictured is a member of the Malibu Rotary Club. Nagy Henein is regional manager of First Bank, issuer of the Gift Cards.**

## **Malibu Rotary Club has Joint meeting on Dec 5 with Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club and accepts check for fire recovery relief**



**Picture above shows the presentation of the check from the Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club President Gwen Vuchsas to the Malibu Rotary Club at a joint meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club and Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club at Whiskey Red's restaurant in Marina del Rey on December 5. Bianca had presented major donor Howard Pollack with Malibu board game. In that picture L to R are W. David Baird, John Elman, Teresa LeGrove (Malibu Rotary Pres-Elect), Howard Pollack, Bianca Torrence, Gwen Vuchsas, Margo Neal and Marianne Bema.**

Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club had raised over \$11,500 for Malibu Fire Relief using a matching grant from club member Howard Pollack, owner of Rainbow Naturals.

## **SBA representative Explains Disaster Loans at Malibu Rotary Club meeting**



**Elizabeth Vargas, Public Information Officer for the Small Business Administration (SBA) explains applications for disaster loans to Malibu Rotarians John Elman (L) and Allan Mannheim (R) at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting December 19.**

Elizabeth Vargas travels across the country explaining to people in disaster areas how they can apply for disaster loans made available through the Small Business Association (SBA). She came to the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> and found that John Elman and Allan Mannheim had moved the meeting to the Waves Cafeteria. She explained that the SBA provides low-interest, long-term disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners, and renters to repair or replace uninsured/underinsured disaster damaged properties.

For those people who have not recovered from disasters from their insurance, from grants from FEMA, or other means, the SBA disaster loan offers an affordable way for individuals and businesses to recover.

People can apply on line, in person at the disaster center, or by mail. Businesses can borrow up to \$2 million and homeowners may borrow up to \$200,00 to replair/replace your disaster damaged primary residence.

As a homeowner or renter, you my borrow up to \$40,000 to repair/replace personal property.

Apply online at the SBA's secure websiter [disasterloan.sba.gov/ela](https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela).

We asked Elizabeth to come back to speak to the club when there was more people but the next day she would be off to a flood in Texas. There is always a disaster somewhere.

This writer visited the emergency center located at the old court house building. Those of us who were evacuated can apply for hotel reimbursement from FEMA for disaster even if there was no physical loss to your property.

**The next Malibu Rotary Club regular Meeting will be 8:00 a.m. January 9, 2018 in room LC 152 on the Pepperdine Drescher Upper Graduate campus. Speaker will be Reese Halter—"Bees, Trees, and Seas—Saving Planet Earth"**

## **Rotary Project in Peru**

On July 25 Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence spoke in detail about the Rotary District 5280 Humanitarian Trip to Lima Peru April 3-8. Via e-mail prior to the August 8 meeting Bianca made a formal proposal to the Malibu Rotary Club Board of Directors: Her proposal was that the Malibu Rotary Club commit to be the Lead club for the grant #10 on the Peruvian Rotary Humanitarian District trip **BARRANCA-Smile Project**. It takes \$5k to be the lead club on the Global Grant project. Bianca pointed out the Malibu Rotary Club already had committed \$2k for the project and she will work on getting the rest so the Malibu Rotary Club will be recognized as lead club in this project.

Malibu Rotary Board approved the funding of the Peruvian **SMILE BARRANCA** project at the August 8 meeting. The **SMILE BARRANCA** was the project that was in most need of funding of the eleven humanitarian projects of the Rotary District 5280 Humanitarian trip in Peru. We are sure Bianca will bring a big smile to the people of Barranca.

Bianca spoke at the Pacific Palisades Rotary Club September 20 and was persuasive enough to have the Palisades Club join the Malibu Rotary Club in sponsoring the Peruvian **SMILE BARRANCA** project.

That project specifically is hosted by Rotary Club of Barranca, District 4465 Serving the marginal urban and rural sectors, and in educational institutions where there are deficiencies in oral health care in Supe Pueblo, Puerto Supe, Pativilca, Paramonga and Barranca. Needs Assessment Oral Health in Peru is a public health problem, so a comprehensive approach is necessary, applying effective measures to promote oral health and prevent the consequences of poor oral health. Poor population, as well as non-poor, presents needs for the treatment of oral diseases. One of the human groups sensitive to such public health problems are minors, including children between the ages of 3 and 6, where the habits of hygiene and oral care are generated and reinforced, which will be sustained during their future development. This need was assessed by visiting the schools and population evaluation by dentists in Barranca. Project Description • Preventive care and education to children who belong to the Non-school Initial Education Program. • Oral health care for beneficiaries of urban and rural sectors. • School and population training in Barranca Area of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment Goals The objective of this project is the promotion of oral health and oral hygiene in marginal urban and rural sectors without health coverage and children from Not Standardized Initial Education Programs.

Bianca said her family has had a charity project in Peru for years she has decided to have her family charity project to contribute an additional \$1000 to that project in behalf of the Malibu Rotary Club, doubling the Malibu Rotary Club contribution from \$1000 to \$2000.

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## **Malibu Rotary Club Rotating Presidents for 2018-2019**

<b>July 2018</b>	
<b>August 2018</b>	<b>W. David Baird</b>
<b>September 2018</b>	<b>Margo Neal</b>
<b>October 2018</b>	<b>Margo Neal</b>
<b>November 2018</b>	<b>Margo Neal</b>
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<b>May 2019</b>	<b>Teresa LeGrove Cherkas</b>
<b>June 2019</b>	<b>Bianca Torrence</b>
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## CALENDAR

### **December 26 2018 No Meeting—Happy Holidays**

#### **January 09, 2019 --Reese Halter Bees, Trees & Seas Saving the Earth**

Reese Halter an award-winning broadcaster, distinguished conservation biologist and author of ten books. John Grace of Westlake Village Sunrise Rotary saw her presentation: Bees, Trees & Seas at The Westlaker's Club in October (2016). He invited her to speak at the Westlake Village Sunrise Rotary Club in December (2016). The president, Don Martin, awarded her an Outstanding Service Award for her community outreach work in conservation.

#### **January 16, 2019 Peter Lattey - Global Grant WASH in Schools project**

Peter Lattey is Past President of Rotary Club of Downtown Los Angeles and currently its International Service Chair and chair of the club's participation in LA 5's Global Grant WASH in Schools project in Kenya. He just returned from Kenya, where he has been working on the project.

Here is a link to a video that he made that gives an idea of what the project means to the children there.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ad54H49MsZU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ad54H49MsZU)

Peter will be at the Malibu Rotary club January 16 for its morning meeting in LC 152 at the Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate campus in Malibu at 8:00 a.m. to show and tell us about this worthwhile project

#### **January 23, 2019 Malibu Rotary Club meeting in Room LC in LC 152 at the Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate campus in Malibu at 8:00 a.m Emmett Finch, The Malibu Poet**

**Emmett Finch**, "The Malibu Poet," is a war veteran, sailor and seafarer, private pilot, adventurer, retired firefighter, yachtsman, traveler, naturalist, poet and writer. Emmett has lived an unusual life-which set the stage and background for his unpretentious style of writing. He attributes much of his inspiration to the good fortune of living in Malibu by the Sea and writing his Poetry for over half a Century.

#### **January 30 2018 Richard Gibbs Armory for Harmony**

#### **February 6 2018 Hans Laetz KBU**

**Malibu Radio station operator Hans Laetz will talk about the services of station and recieve donation from Malibu Rotary Club**