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[RI President \(2009-2010\) John Kenny](#)

Rotary District 5280 Governor (2009-2010): Susanne Sundberg

Holmes R. Osborne III Steps Down As Malibu Rotary Club President



On Thursday, February 26, Holmes R. Osborne III sent the following e-mail to the members of the Malibu Rotary Club:

Folks, I'm sorry to say that my wife and I will be spending much less time in California. I'm also sorry to say that I won't have time to run the club.

As you know, I built my business by speaking to approximately 100 different service clubs throughout the city.

Out of those 100, I chose the Malibu Rotary. Pound for pound, this little club has the nicest, smartest, and most decent human beings of any club in the city.

I know that you'll understand if I must move onto other endeavors. At the age of 34, I want to start a family and pursue other dreams.

I've enjoyed being a member and will come to meetings from time to time.

Holmes Osborne

The next Malibu Rotary Club meeting will be Wednesday March 3, 2010 7:30 a.m. in or around the Pepperdine Fireside Room. Because Pepperdine University is closed for student break, food services are limited but a meeting is planned, and is significant, because current Malibu Rotary Club President Holmes Osborne announced he is stepping down and featured speaker will be **Chris Bauman, Malibu Rotary Club President-Elect**, who represented the Malibu Rotary Club 2 weeks earlier at PETS (President Elect Training Seminar). He will talk about the future directions of the club as well as RI, and all available members should attend, because decisions will be made about the future of the Malibu Rotary Club.

Malibu Rotary Club meeting of February 23— Tom Bos shows and tells his experience doing “The Great Loop”, an 8,500 mile journey along the intra-coastal waterway around the “island” of America

Tom Bos is Past Rotary District 6290 Governor, whose home club is the Rotary Club of Holland, Michigan. Besides his home in Holland, Michigan, he often spends part of the winter in the guest house of his stepdaughter and grandchild in Malibu, and has been a speaker on a variety of subjects at the Malibu Rotary Club, including slides he has shown on several trips he has taken to India as part of the Rotary International Polio Eradication program.

Holland, Michigan is located on the shores of Lake Michigan, and it was there that Tom became interested in yachting and became a member of the International Fellowship of Yachting Rotarians. At the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of February 23rd, Tom showed slides of a trip he started October 9th,



There are a couple routes that can be taken to do "The Great Loop". Our planned path is outlined in yellow.



2005. It is sometimes called “The Great Loop,” and is a watercraft loop that one can take around the eastern part of the United States from the Great Lakes into the Chicago River, which runs into the Mississippi River all the way to the Gulf of Mexico, and then east either around or through Florida to the Atlantic Ocean and up the Atlantic Coast to the Hudson River in New York and then west through the locks going into the Great Lakes of Ontario, Lake Erie, Lake Hudson,

and back home to via Lake Michigan.

It is a trip of 8500 miles, which Tom says can be done in as little time as 3 weeks, although Tom took 6 discontinuous weeks. In fact, because of some unforeseen events he actually finished the trip 34 months after he began it. His crew changed during different legs of his journey. In the end it included his wife and son. His wife had told him before he began that she was not interested in doing the whole loop, but was interested in certain planned stops along the way: New Orleans, Florida and the Bahamas, New York and Montreal.

Tom’s crew at the beginning consisted of some other Rotary Past District Governors, who he met through the International Fellowship of Yachting Rotarians. Along the route they would make up in Rotary clubs in the many cities along the waterways. These included St. Louis, Nashville, and New Orleans. In the New Orleans area on Lake Pontchartrain before Hurricane Katrina, he showed pictures of a Casino on a barge in Lake Pontchartrain that no longer exists.

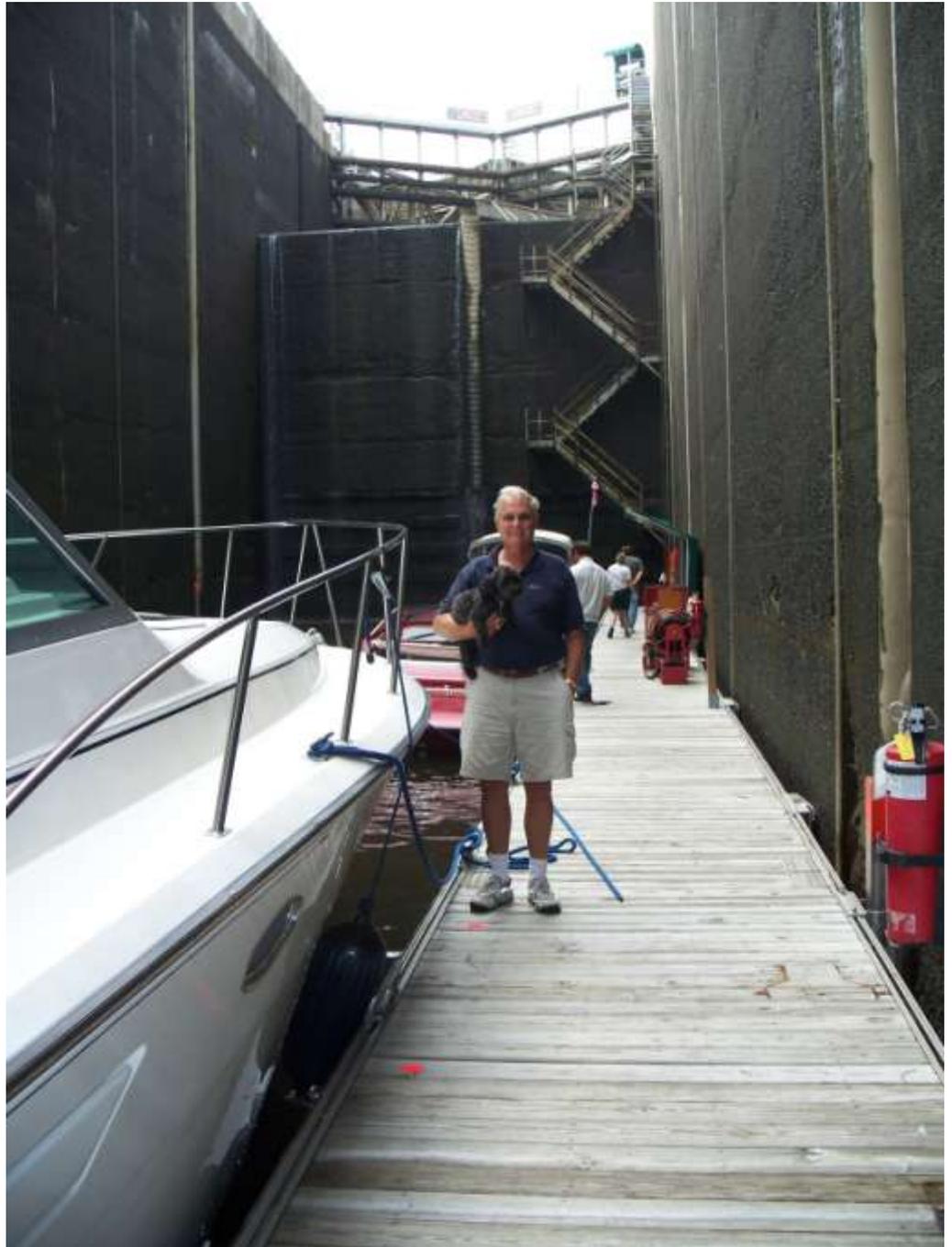
One of the reasons the journey took longer than planned is that Tom had received news that his wife had slipped and broken her ankle in Michigan before she was to fly down and join him in New Orleans. He flew back to be with her.

Several adventures of the voyage included running out of gas in the Gulf of Mexico and later being accosted by a Coast Guard gunboat when they had wandered too close to a nuclear submarine in the Atlantic. Another minor adventure occurred while the boat was in one of the many locks that they had to go through and as he was stretching to anchor to the dock of the lock he fell in the water. On the side of the locks it states that one must wear life jackets (and even his dog had one!). It is also states “No swimming.” When he fell in he had no choice but to swim but he was not cited for it.

He showed how the waterway narrowed from the Hudson River, and various Rotary commemorative plaques seen in Canadian cities as he passed from Montreal to Ottawa and Ontario.

Lake Michigan is 600 feet above sea level and the various locks Tom's vessel went through varied in size and automation.

One of the largest locks is pictured to the right, along with Tom and his four footed crew member.



Malibu RYLA students and Guests and Other News from February 23 Malibu Rotary Meeting



Three guests at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of February 23rd were Malibu High School students Julian Minicucci and Becky Omara and Boys and Girls Club of Malibu Program Manager Siugen Constanzc. Julian and Becky were chosen by Siugen and sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club to go to the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly) camp in 2009. The students told about their experiences, which the students said challenged their leadership abilities. Julian, who is on the Malibu High swim team, explained that he didn't know what to expect when he was chosen to go there or whether he would like it, but when the three days were over he "was bummed to leave."

Geoff Ortiz announced that a Malibu Rotary-Pepperdine Rotarat Adopt A Highway cleanup day has been officially scheduled for Saturday, March 13.

John Elman presided over the Malibu Rotary meeting of February 23.



Malibu Rotary Club to Support BioSand Filters in Ecuador

Malibu Rotary Club voted to send \$500 to the Rotary Club of Pontiac Michigan to help build and install BioSand Filters in Santo Domingo De Los Colorados, Ecuador. As was noted by Carol Cousineau, who, along with husband Ron brought the project to our attention, after installing the first BioSand filters in Ecuador (and pictured left), “That money would be matched by the next District Grant, which we have been assured we will get. So, for instance \$500.00 would become \$750.00. The filters and two 5 gallon safe water containers per unit, cost around \$60.00 each, so a donation of \$500.00 would provide 12 families of five or more with 20 gallons of water each day - enough for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, bathing and washing clothes! The filters are expected to last at

least 50 years without the need to add any expense except chlorine - available and inexpensive. That means each family will have more money to provide more nutritious food for their families, since they don't have to pay for propane to boil their water. It will mean more time to spend with their children, rather than boiling or foraging for firewood. With great improvement in the health of all the family members, fewer cases of diarrhea and stomach flu from bad water and parasites, the parents will better be able to hold down a job and provide for their families, children will be able to attend school more days and have a better future.

We are excited about this project because we anticipate that this is just the beginning. All over Ecuador, there are families struggling to survive, with a high infant mortality rate, because of bad water. This successful project will be a shining example and model. Rotary is the perfect vehicle

for getting the word out about BioSand and accomplishing the goal of providing safe drinking water for the world. **BioSand** is one of the four methods of purifying water recommended for Third World Countries by the World Health Organization. (We have researched the others. Since they provide only a small amount of water for drinking, are small and ceramic, so more susceptible to breakage or deterioration, or adding so much chlorine that the people won't drink it, the concrete BioSand is by far the best choice for all but mountainous areas, where a more expensive plastic version of BioSand is an alternative.)”



Project TRIUMPH (Today's Revolution Is Understanding; Make Peace Happen) is a grassroots effort to bring Arab and Jewish teenagers together in the spirit of collaboration to build a shared vision for a peaceful future. The program was conceived by Ilan Magdali of the Newbury Park Rotary Club. It brought 10 teenage Arab and 10 teenage Jewish students from Israel to a leadership camp in Simi Valley where they all learned to work together, develop leaders skills before returning to Israel to use what they learned back home. Most of us feel helpless in trying to find a solution to the constant war in the Middle East, but at least this program is trying to do something. Initially sponsorship of this program had been mostly from the Newbury Park Rotary Club and Rotary Clubs in District 5240 and private and corporate donors. Malibu Rotary Club was the first Rotary Club in Rotary District 5280 to support the project. Pictured above are the students who were hosted in 2008 as they visited Malibu on their way to the camp. Today the program no longer is bringing the students to the US. It concentrates it's efforts on the students in Israel as a year long program that strives for lifelong results. It is a non-profit organization with Leon Berg, as its CEO On March 17, 2010, Leon Berg and Shoshana Brower will be featured speakers at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting and will update us on this project. See You Tube Video of TRIUMPH Live! At <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1n2IKWES1Jw&feature=channel>

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website www.maliburotary.org for latest Calendar and future speakers.