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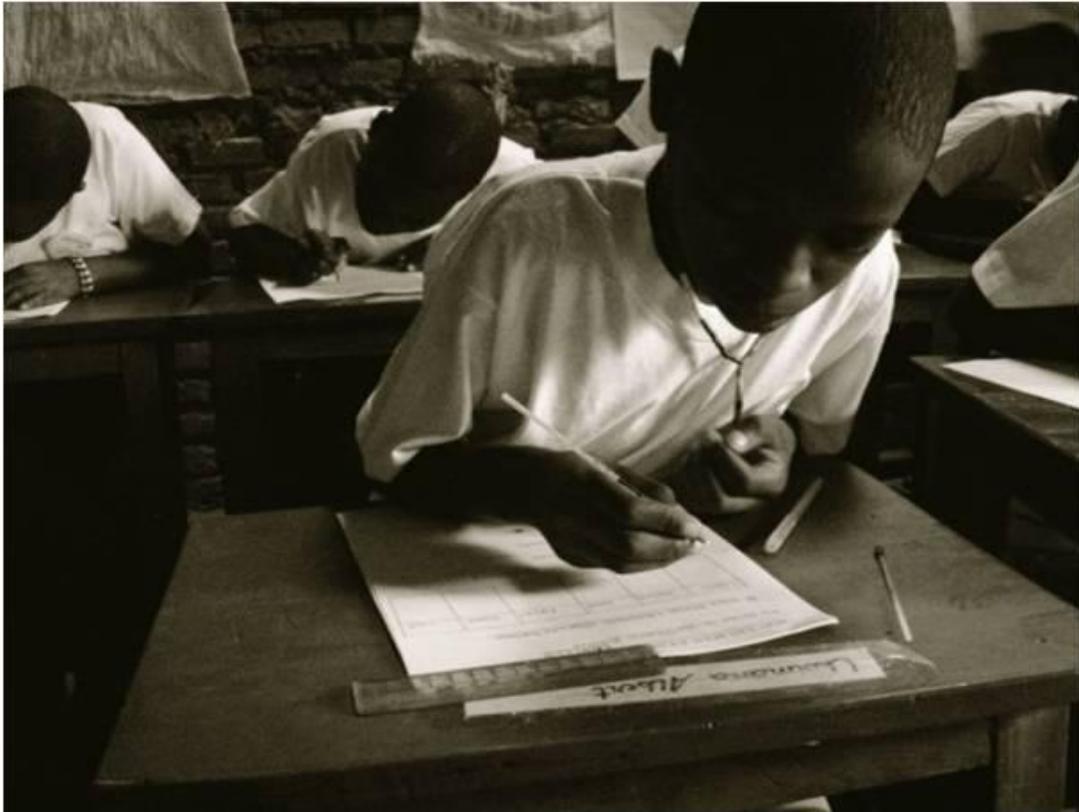
RI President (2009-2010) John Kenny

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

Kathleen McAfee and Edwin Afriyie present “Rwanda—The Next Step”



Kathleen McAfee and **Edwin Afriyie** are Pepperdine University School of Public Policy Master of Public Policy Candidates for 2011. Kathleen is graduate of St. Mary's University San Antonio, Texas; with a Bachelor of the Arts in Political Science. Edwin Afriyie was born in Ghana, and graduated from Lipscom University in Nashville, Tennessee in 2008 with a BA in Communication Studies. They both came to the Pepperdine School of Public Policy hoping to make a difference in the world, and wanted to continue on projects that were begun by three Pepperdine School of Public Policy students last year in Rwanda.



They outlined a mission that they felt would coincide with several organizations, including Rotary, Pepperdine and themselves as humanitarians. Kathleen pointed out how a mission of Rotary is to foster and encourage the four Avenues of Service--Club, Community, Vocational, and International. Their project in Rwanda will do that, especially vocational and international service.

She pointed out the Mission Statement of Pepperdine University: "Pepperdine is a Christian university committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and Christian values, where students are strengthened for lives of purpose, service, and leadership."

She said, "We are humanitarians in the making. This is why an internship within the Rwandan Government is such a wonderful opportunity for us. We are dedicated to the Pepperdine and Malibu Rotary Club's missions to service. Service is calling us to

Rwanda. This is an opportunity to assist in building a country, literally, from the ground up. The work that we will be doing in Rwanda will essentially be planting the roots of society that was lost during the civil war of the 1990s.”

Each of the students would have different duties in their two month stints in Rwanda. Kathleen will in the Social Services department to help develop an infrastructure in a country that has been torn apart by civil war.

Edwin hopes his background and knowledge of African culture along with what he has learned from his American experience will be an asset. He said the government in Ghana does little to help people and the conditions are very poor. In Rwanda he will work with the Ministry of Local Government, trying to assist in Territorial Administration and help build economics. He hopes to help the country set an agenda based on what he has already learned from his studies in the School of Public Policy.

All the students in the School of Public Policy do an internship somewhere. For this, they have to raise their own money. In the case of Kathleen and Edwin they are estimating that their costs will be about \$4000 each. Half of that is traveling expenses (\$2000), \$1500 for housing and \$500 for vaccines.

As the presentations of the two students ended certain Rotarians were seen reaching for their checkbooks.

Other News and Guests from April 7 Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

In February a visitor to the Malibu Rotary Club was **Gerard Duez**, a visitor from the Rotary Club of Melun France in Rotary District 1770. He was given a flag of the Malibu Rotary Club to take back to France and he later sent a flag to Malibu from the Melun Rotary Club which was presented to the Malibu Rotary Club at the April 7th meeting by **Jack Corrodi**. Gerard, who like Jack, is a realtor, also sent a letter which described the Melun flag, which has a picture of the Old Royal Castle of Melun. The city of Melun, part of which is an island in the Seine River, 25 miles southeast of Paris, has a history going back to the first century AD, and many famous people had been in that castle, including Joan of Arc. Also on the Malun Rotary Club flag is the Malun city Motto written in Latin: “ *fida muris usque ad mures*, recalling the siege of 1420 when inhabitants had to eat rats.” Malibu doesn’t have such a long history, and although we once had a castle, it burned down only a few years after it was built. In fact in Malibu we would never put a building on our flag, because so many buildings in Malibu burn down soon after they are built. We smartly put the ocean and mountains on our flag because those are the only things we know that endure here. *Viva la Pacifica!*

Dr Frank Le Vac, the veterinary member of Santa Monica Rotary Club (and President Elect of SM Rotary) was guest at Malibu Rotary Club April 7.

Kevin Bolling invited people to attend the “Men Who Cook” fundraiser competition April 24th in Riverside, where Kevin is a perennial winner. We are hoping to have Kevin start a similar competition in Malibu.

Although it will be too late for readers of this bulletin, **Geoff Ortiz** invited everyone to try to attend Sunday’s fund raiser for Malibu Stage by the Malibu Stage Repertory Company “No Applause—Just Throw Money.” \$100 includes entertainment and food.



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 leadership camp. Today the program no longer is bringing the students to the US. There is a partnership with the Rotary Club of Haifa and one in Italy to get Jewish and Arab students out of Israel to a place where they can learn to work together and apply this when they return to Israel. A new Pilot TRIUMPH project is being developed. It concentrates it's efforts on the students in the City of Acre in Israel as a year long program with Jewish and Arab students working together making a video documentary that strives for lifelong results. The new Pilot TRIUMPH project is a non-profit organization with Leon Berg, as its CEO.

If you would like to help with Project TRIUMPH you can contact Shoshana Brower at shobrower@gmail.com or Leon Berg at Leon.Berg@gmail.com.



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.)”

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