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### **Brittany Tomlinson on Supporting The American Troops**



**Brittany Tomlinson** is a junior at Pepperdine University, who, as part of Michael Wissot’s Political Communications class, is required to speak to a service organization about a topic she feels passionate about. Her topic was: Why all Americans should support our troops.

This pretty young lady with the beautiful smile chose a very sobering topic. She says that while she, and most others, do not want war, those who have chosen to join the military, have done so to protect our freedoms and way of life.

One of those who has elected to serve is her boyfriend who is in the Marines. She has gotten to know many armed forces veterans and while many of us thank them for their service, many do

not.

People in the armed forces not only risk life and limb, they also often sacrifice their psyche. She says there are no unwounded soldiers. Current technology in body armor and medical techniques have saved the lives of many current armed forces personnel who would have perished in previous wars. They may come back with their bodies intact, but with mental conditions that were previously either overlooked or never dealt with in previous wars and times.

She said that according to government estimates 180,000 armed forces veterans have committed suicide since the Viet Nam War. They estimate that 18 vets a day commit suicide.

How can we help? We need to make sure they know we care. She said that since Rotary is dedicated to "Service Above Self," that Rotary should make it a service project to support the people of the armed forces. She said that her Marine boyfriend has told her letters from home mean a lot.

Other things that can be done is donating air miles, technology and other things to service personnel. Marines without families may feel they have nothing to live for. You can give them a family by adopting a Marine. You can do this by Googling, "Adopt a Marine." When you do that it will take you to several websites including <http://www.ryanrust.com/>, or [www.AdoptaHero.us](http://www.AdoptaHero.us), and others that show tangible ways to tell people in the service we care and appreciate what they do.

## Annual Malibu Rotary Middle and High School Singing Competition



High School Winners Left to Right:  
Caitlyn Connors (1st place), Ren Martinez (2nd place) and Julia Wisniki (3rd place)



Middle School Left to Right:  
Hailey Hoffman (1st place), Martha Thatcher (2nd place) and Ellery Smoller (3rd place)

The Annual Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Singing Competition was held Tuesday April 20th, on the stage of the Malibu High School Auditorium. Members of the Malibu Rotary Club voted on the performances given by a dozen of Malibu High School Choral Director Amy Loch's students. A total of \$1,000 in cash prizes were awarded to the top three winners in the middle school division as well as the top three winners in the high school division.

The winners in the high school division were Caitlyn Conners, who sang *A Summer in Ohio*, Ren Martinez, who sang *Nearness of You*, and Julia Wisnicki, who sang *Gravity*.

The winners in the middle school division were Hailey Hoffman, who sang *I Enjoy Being A Girl*, Martha Thatcher, who sang *Blue Hair*, and Ellery Smoller, who sang *I Speak Six Languages*.

Geoff Ortiz chaired the event for the Malibu Rotary Club and was emcee of the program. Joellen McNaughton accompanied all students on piano.

## Malibu Rotary Club and Kevin Boling's UWS Celebrates Earth Day Week at Topanga Elementary School



By Geoff Ortiz

(Left) Malibu Rotary Club President **Christopher Bauman** gathers together playground balls donated by the Malibu Rotary Club to the Topanga Elementary School to be used in their celebration of Earth Day Week.

(Below) **Kevin Boling** uses ball demonstration of how United Waste Systems truck works at Topanga Elementary School.

Schools seem to be Rotary the theme in this past week, as Kevin Boling started off last Friday morning at 8AM by hosting an "Earth Day" week-long event sponsored by Universal Waste Management.



This all started for member Geoff Ortiz when he was asked by Pres. Chris Bauman at the end of last week's regular meeting to pick up 4 large bags of commercial playground balls and get them to Kevin at Topanga Elementary at 8AM on Friday morning. Not knowing what he was getting himself into, and wanting to be of help,... Geoff of course agreed. Geoff got the balls from Chris on Thursday afternoon in

the Pepperdine Smother's parking lot, and managed to keep his 20 month old son Nicholas from keeping a few until the next day. Geoff then met Kevin at 7:50AM at in front of Topanga

Elementary, lugging the 4 large bags of playground balls up the hill from parking further down,... it's Topanga and he should have known better,... but?

After a quick brief by Kevin of what they were up to, and brief introductions of the Principal and some staff at TES whom Kevin obviously knew well, Kevin proceeded to WOW the entire school assembly by announcing the Earth Day program sponsored by UWS that would include:

- A week's collection of plastic containers to raise funds for the school to be collected in bins placed in the front lot by UWS
- A pizza and ice-cream party to celebrate the culmination of the week
- And the biggest oooo and ahhh of the morning - Geoff holding up and showing the four bags of playground balls that included various sizes, colors, and even a few footballs!

Kevin then did a show and tell of the new UWS CNG truck to the entire Kindergarten and First grade classes, one class at a time, showing them what they did, how they worked, and how they keep the recycled waste separate from other waste. The entire Kindergarten class was also treated to coloring books and small UWS trash bins as parting gifts. All this was done with the local Topanga Press taking notes and pictures during the show.

Many thanks to Kevin Boling for his program and for involving our Rotary Club in it.

Geoff Ortiz

## **Other News and Guests from April 21 Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**

Our speaker **Brittany Tomlinson** brought with her two other students from Michael Wissot's Political Communication class, **Chris Casillas** and **Kate Suriyatip**.

Since the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on May 5 cannot be at the normal Pepperdine University Fireside Room, the location and time of a Malibu Rotary Club meeting that day was the subject of both e-mail chatter and live chatter at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Jack Corrodi** and **Bill Wishard** investigated the possibility of a lunch meeting. It will be Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. at the Malibu Beachcomer Café on the left side of the Malibu Pier. Speaker will be our newest member, **Pompeya Monteros**.

Besides **Kevin Boling's** "Men Who Cook" fundraiser competition April 24<sup>th</sup> in Riverside, where Kevin is a perennial winner, and the suggestion that a similar competition be considered in Malibu.

## **Who Took Malibu Rotary's American Flag?**

Given the topic of the speaker it was ironic that some took the Malibu Rotary Club's American flag, normally kept in Fireside Room at Pepperdine. Searching the adjacent rooms did not reveal the presence of Old Glory. To be continued...



*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](mailto:shobrower@gmail.com) or Leon Berg at [Leon.Berg@gmail.com](mailto: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.)”

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