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Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org

Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280la.org

Rotary District 5280 "Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians" Website: <http://yp5280.org/>

RI President (2008-2009) D.K. Lee

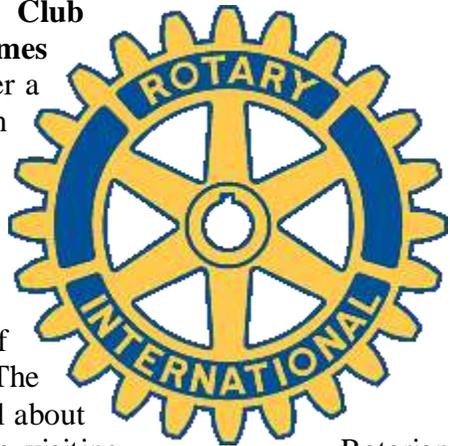
Rotary District 5280 Governor (2008-2009): Chuck Anderson

"Malibu Rotary Hosts Community Business Breakfast" in Fireside Room



Malibu Rotary Club President Elect Holmes Osborne

presided over a meeting on Wednesday April 22nd, in which the Malibu Rotary Club hosted a breakfast for members of the Malibu Chamber of Commerce. The program was really all about



Rotary. Members of the Malibu Rotary Club, as well as visiting Rotarians from the local Santa Monica Rotary Club as well as from Amarillo, TX, all contributed to introduce Rotary to a dozen non-Rotarian visitors.

Bill Wishard said our guest speaker was **Bill Gates** as we played the DVD that was made on Wednesday, 21 January, at the [International Assembly](#) in San Diego when Microsoft founder Bill Gates announced an increase in the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's challenge grant of \$100 million for polio eradication to Rotary International. In the video Gates, wearing a special Rotary Cap, told the audience that the eradication of polio could have been as successful as it has because of Rotary's lead and announced that his foundation was doubling its original commitment for the challenge grant to make sure global eradication of the disease was



completed. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded US\$255 million to Rotary International in the global effort to eradicate polio, bringing the total committed by Rotary and the Gates Foundation to \$555 million.

The wild poliovirus is endemic in only three countries--Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

“Rotarians, government leaders, and health professionals have made a phenomenal commitment to get us to a point at which polio afflicts only a small number of the world’s children,” Gates said. “However, complete elimination of the poliovirus is difficult and will continue to be difficult for a number of years. Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication.”

Gates challenge grant challenges Rotarians world wide to come up with the rest of the money.

The video of Bill Gates speech can be seen on the web at:

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/090121_news_gatesvideo.aspx

Everyone who attended this special Malibu Rotary Club meeting introduced his or herself, told about their business, and pass out cards. All about one active Malibu Rotary Club member attended the event, and with all the visitors it was by far the largest meeting we have in several years. The idea for the meeting was Holmes, and everyone agreed we should host a Malibu Chamber Breakfast on a regular basis. The visitors are listed below

Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting

There were two visiting Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Santa Monica attending the April 22 meeting: **Jane Beaumont Hall**, and Estate Planning Attorney, her daughter Kathryn Hall, who is an artist. There was also a Rotarian from Amarillo, TX, who worked in child care placement, and who somehow ended up sitting next to **Jack Corrodi**.

The group of visitors that came to the Rotary hosted meeting because of the bulletins that were sent to the members of the Malibu Chamber of Commerce included:

- **Andrew Bennett**, Credit Repair Specialist from American Credit Repair Centers, in Marina del Rey
- **George Jones**, who provides Personal Care at Home from Home Helpers
- **Harlow Sharp**, Home Loan Consultant from Countrywide Home Loans
- **Julie Pryor**, Event Planner from Pryor Events
- **Scott Martin**, Auto Broker from Scott Martin Auto Broker

- **Jennifer Martinez and Andrew Wells** from the Residence Inn by Marriott in Westlake Village
- **Dr Seth Kadish**, Substance Treatment Clinic Director at Milestones Ranch Malibu
- **Tyler Price**, who is Sales Manager at World Telcom Group in Malibu and
- **Susan Ransome**, MD, who is a retinal ophthalmologist at MD Eye Care Malibu.

Musical Malibu Rotary Club Fund Raiser

Margo Neal and **Geoff Ortiz** reported on the possible fund raiser at Malibu Stage featuring the singing talents of Malibu Dolphin winner and popular Ralph's employee **Debra Caraway**. The Malibu Rotary Club members decided to go ahead with this event at the meeting of April 15. The event would also feature an auction and the first auction item offered was a flight along the coast in the plane piloted by club president Bow. At the last meeting we had tentatively planned the date of the event for June 20th. It turns out that that weekend is when **Holmes Osborne** and **Bill Wishard** will be at the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England. We are all agreed that Malibu Rotary Club fund raiser will take the efforts of ALL of our members so we are now considering a date in July. Will update this when confirmation date is set. Look for it then on our website: MalibuRotary.org.

Get to Malibu Rotary Meetings on time!

To show respect to speakers and to get a chance to enjoy each other's company we all made a vow to get to the meetings closer to 7:15 a.m., get our food and be in our seats closer to 7:30 a.m. Food lines are also shorter before 7:30 a.m. since students generally have not arrived yet. Meetings will be called to order no later than 7:45 a.m.



Editors Note: Most of you know how strongly I feel about the Project TRIUMPH program conceived by Ilan Magdali of the Newbury Park Rotary Club. The program 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 Mid East, but at least this program is trying to do something, In the last issue of The Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter I had written about e-mail communications I had had with Frances Fuji of the Project TRIUMPH organizing committee. She had written



“In light of the current economic climate and more challenging environment for securing grant monies, instead of hosting students this year, we are taking the opportunity to strengthen infrastructure in Israel and to establish

collaborative relationships with aligned organizations.

Upon our request, Shaul, from the Rotary Club of Haifa, provided us with a budget and proposal to hire a part-time facilitator to be responsible for year-round support of both new Project TRIUMPH students and alumni. We are sending money to contribute to the facilitator’s salary, and she has already begun meeting with the kids there.

We are excited about prospects for 2010 and beyond (the plan is to resume bringing kids over in

2010, assuming that we can raise enough funds in 2009) and believe we will emerge from this fallow year with an even stronger, more well-rounded and promising program than ever before.”

In a subsequent e-mail she had written about what some of the student alumni of the Project TRIUMPH program (many of whom we had met when they were here) were currently doing after participating in the Project TRIUMPH program:

“Our greater vision is to inspire leaders of tomorrow by imparting wisdom and broadening the perspective of high school students. Our first year students, who were here in 2006, are now in the army or beginning to build careers. We have stayed in contact with some of them through Facebook. Very soon, their generation will be making pivotal choices that will impact not only their region, but the world.

We're proud of all the young people we've worked with, and we thank you for your belief in them.

Rotary District Convention

On April 30 - May 3, 2009 The Rotary District Conference will be The Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel, 686 Anton Boulevard, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 (see flyer at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280/html/45459/Conference%2009%20Flyer%201200%20dpi.pdf>).

Online registration by credit card for the upcoming District Conference is now available. Scheduled for April 30 - May 3, 2009 at the [Westin Hotel, South Coast Plaza](#). The conference promises four days of fellowship, education, social events, a golf tournament, plenary sessions and more. In addition to the Rotary activities there will an opportunity to see a production of the musical *Grease* at the Sergerstrom Performing Art Center located next to the hotel. Click [HERE to see a specially created video](#) or copy <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73x0pP6MGhg> into your browser.

Click on the image immediately below to the left to register online, or the image to the right if you wish to print a copy of the registration form and mail or fax it to the District Office.

<p>* Credit card registration form: </p>	<p>* PDF registration form: </p>
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To view the specially created video about the conference, click [HERE](#). It is 3:47 long. (Video created by Gidas Peteris of the Beverly Hills Rotary Club; narration by Brad Robinson, conference chair and member Beverly Hills Rotary Club.)

La Estanzuela, Honduras Water Project

The Malibu Rotary Club is one of the clubs joining with the Century City Rotary Club to bring clean water to the Village of La Estanzuela in Honduras. There wasn't enough time to complete funding of this project during the past Rotary year. We are hoping to complete the project this year with a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant

Calendar

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Malibu Rotary at Camp Bloomfield
"Malibu Rotary at Camp Bloomfield"

Instead of meeting at Pepperdine University the Malibu Rotary Club will be meeting at Camp Bloomfield. In 1953, Norman Kaplan and a group of dedicated volunteers founded Junior Blind of America (formerly known as Foundation for the Junior Blind) to provide recreational services for children who were blind or visually impaired. In 1958, Henry Bloomfield gave Junior Blind access to a 40-acre campsite in Malibu, California. Since then, Camp Bloomfield has served as a year-round residential camp for youth who were blind or visually impaired and their families. One of the first projects of the Rotary Club of Malibu after its incorporation in 1971 was to build the bathroom for Camp Bloomfield.

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