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**Rotary District Grant Chair Lee Stacy on How the Rotary Foundation Funds District 5280 Community Grants and Local Vocational Scholarship Grants**



**Prior to becoming Rotary District 5280 Grants Chair Lee Stacy was Rotary District 5260 Grants in the San Fernando Valley. When District 5260 was combined with District 5280 Lee became Grants chair of the larger district. He is Immediate Past President of the Burbank Sunrise Rotary Club, a board member of the Burbank Salvation Army, a life member of MENSA, a Senior member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, past technical editor for an industry magazine dedicated to IBM business computers and retired VP of Operations from the aerospace industry after a 45 year career.**

After having been the district grants chair for the past three years Lee will be training someone new to that position for the 2015-2016, and we have a feeling that person will be calling Lee, because Lee knows all about the workings of District grants.

We all know that the lifeblood of funding for both international and local Rotary service projects is The Rotary Foundation. All Rotarians are encouraged to contribute at least \$100.00 per year to the Foundation and for many Rotarians the yearly contribution is many times that. Buying a single book of raffle tickets for the annual Rotary Foundation Dinner held in November counts for the \$100.00 donation.

What is remarkable is how efficient The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is with the money. It is so efficient in fact, that generally 100% of the money that is contributed to TRF is used to fund is charitable service projects.

How does it do that? What about administrative costs? The way it works is that after The Rotary Foundation collects the money it is held for 3 years, and is conservatively invested. After 3 years half of what it collects from a district comes back to the District, and the other half is used to fund international projects and run the foundation.

Part of the money is used to fund Global Grants. These are when Rotary Clubs when one country join with Rotary Clubs in another country for a service project in the host country. The Malibu Rotary Club participated in one of these in 2011 with a club in Puerto Rico (having to do with recycling and job training), and will be partnering with the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills and the Rotary Club of Entebbe, Uganda for a Raincatcher cleanwater project in 2016. The Global grants are more difficult because there has to be communication between responsible people in clubs in different countries.

Much easier to do are District Grants and Vocational grants, and those are Lee Stacy's particular areas of expertise.

For each club in the district at least 2 people are supposed to complete Club MOU Certification which is located on the District Website at [www.Rotary5280.org](http://www.Rotary5280.org). Three

members of the Malibu Rotary Club have said they will do this: Margo Neal, David Zielski and Bill Wishard. Others can do it too. They will view three webinars: “The Rotary Foundation Overview” by PDG David Moyers, “Global Grant” by Gus Opperman of the Los Angeles Rotary Club and “District Grants” by our speaker Lee Stacy. By answering simple 5 question multiple-choice servery after viewing the webinars members then can verify web signatures and they are certified to be a club grant writer for 2015-2016. Lee said his presentation at our club is pretty much the same as the online webinar on “District Grants.”

## **District Grants**

A District Grant can be used for any community project that has the following components:

1. Must be a “Hands on” project.
2. Must have “Non-Rotarian” involvement—family and children involvement are encouraged.
3. Must have a “Branding” element for the club—this includes PR with local press and other media.

For a District Community Grant each club on the application is eligible for up to \$2,000. Up to 3 clubs can partner a single District Community Grant project for a project total of \$6,000.

For **Vocational Scholarship Grants** up to \$4,000 is available per club. These are generally for trade schools. Each club can have one District Community Grant and one Vocational Scholarship Grant per year.

The financial contribution of the club to the project depends on the size of the club. For a small Rotary Club such as Malibu RC with less than 24 members the contribution is \$250.00. Medium size clubs (25-49 contribute \$500.00 and club of 50 and over contribute \$750.00. When the project is funded the contribution the club has made goes back to the club. Instead of a check for \$2000 for the a District Community Grant the small club gets a check for \$2250. If a small club and a medium club, for example, partnered for a a District Community Grant the small club would contribute \$250, then medium club would contribute \$500 and the Rotary Foundation would send a fund the project \$4750.00.

Lee points out that if a club submits a qualified well written District Community Grant or Vocational Scholarship Grant the chances are excellent that a club will get it funded. There were 48 District Community Grants this year and that is how many applications were received. There were only a handful of Vocational Scholarship Grants. Available money will roll over to next year.

The District Community Grant for 2015-2016 is applied for online at [www.Rotary5280.org](http://www.Rotary5280.org) There are no more written Grant applications. Applications will be accepted from July 1 through September 30..

## **Other News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**

Students went to RYLA camp this weekend. The two students Malibu Rotary Club, Christian Pearce and Keaton Brewster should be reporting on their experience at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting May 20. Bill Wishard will be representing the Malibu Rotary Club at the Rotary District Conference May14-17 at the Loew's Coronado Bay Hotel.

### **Guests**

Speaker Lee Stacy brought 2 guests with him from Burbank, his wife **Pam Stacy** and his assistant **May**.

### **Bill Wishard, Rotary District Special Olympics Chair**

Bill Wishard is coordinating Rotary District efforts for the Special Olympics games being staged in Los Angeles July 25 - August 2, 2015. People in Los Angeles, and especially Rotarians, can get involved. Bill spoke about this at the Rotary District Breakfast March 31 The Special Olympics will have 7,000 athletes from 177 countries.

Rotarians to participate as volunteers "Fans in the Stands," or by sponsoring an athlete. It free to go to the games, and individual Rotary Clubs should each of a captain to have club members go to the sporting events together for a fun group experience. Sponsoring an athlete financially costs \$2500. Some large clubs in District 5280, LA 5 and Wilshire Rotary Clubs have done this. For smaller clubs, like the Malibu Rotary Club, they can join with other clubs to raise the \$2500. The Malibu Rotary Club is contributing \$500, and will join with another club to support an athlete.

### **Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher**

Clean drinking water is a problem affecting millions of people around the world. A Malibu company, RainCatcher, is trying to solve the problem in an efficient manner. Much of their work has been in Africa. The Malibu Rotary Club along with the Rotary Clubs of Beverly Hills, CA USA and the Rotary Club of Entebbe, Uganda has applied for a Rotary Foundation Grant to assist Raincatcher. There are several videos available on You Tube that show the amazing things Raincatcher is doing bringing clean drinking water to places in Uganda and Kenya where there was

previously  
no clean drinking water.

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher, makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to do Raincatcher installations and maintenance. In February The latest video showing what David and the Raincatcher people are doing in Africa was shown at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on August 20. A link to the video is now on the MalibuRotary.org website. The direct link to the video is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59rzOcM-RLo&list=UUFetq8NgjhXhtkVf0idcQUg>

## Calendar (for details on these programs see [malibuRotary.org](http://malibuRotary.org))

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**May 6, 2015**

**Mati Waiya, Chumash Ceremonial Elder**

**Wishtoyo Foundation--Preserving Chumash Culture in Malibu**

"Wishtoyo was founded in 1997 by Chumash ceremonial elder, Mati Waiya and our mission is to address modern day environmental issues by preserving and utilizing the ancient wisdom of Chumash culture and inspiring the public and its youth to have environmental awareness and responsibility for sustaining the health of our land, air, and water. At the heart of our programming is the Chumash Discovery Village, an authentic recreation of a working Native American village next to Nicholas Canyon Beach in Malibu. We provide education programming to over 3,000 school children per year and we open our doors to the general public one Sunday per month. Our board members include: Beau Bridges (actor), Terry Tamminen (Schwarzenegger administration), Carole Goldberg (Vice Chancellor UCLA), Debora Sanchez (Supreme Court Judge) and David Kaplan (Surfdog Records). For more information about us, you can visit our website at [www.wishtoyo.org](http://www.wishtoyo.org) or see us in the Malibu

Tentative other Future Programs in May and June

Christian Pierce and Keaton Brewster May 20, 2015

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Bob Syvertsen Jun 03, 2015

Malibu Rotary Club Budget for 2015-2016