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## **Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter**

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Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu  
Malibu Rotary Club President David Zielski

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Check [Calendar](#) on Malibu Rotary website [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org)

- **Rotary International Website:** [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)
- **Rotary District 5280 Website:** [www.rotary5280.org/](http://www.rotary5280.org/)
- **RI President (2015-2016)** K.R. Ravindran

- **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2015-2016): D.J. Sung**

**Carmen Ramos Koros and Bianca Ramos Torrence Talk About the Rosa Octavila Ramos Foundation**



**Sisters Bianca Ramos Torrence (L) and Carmen Ramos Koros wanted to honor the memory of their mother Rosa Octavila Ramos and did so by forming a Foundation in**

**her honor to help the children in the village in the mountains of Peru where Rosa taught school.**



Rosa Octavila was born in Cora Cora Ayacucho-Peru on July 24, 1924. She graduated with her credential as a teacher, was assigned to the city of Churcampa, where full of energy and enthusiasm, she began her career with children.

Churcampa is an isolated village in the mountains of Peru, at an elevation of 5300 meters (about 10,000 feet) with their own culture and language. It rains there most of the year, and it is cold. Despite the isolation Rosa loved the village, the people, and especially the children, whom she never forgot, even when she left the village. A source of concern for Rosa was that the children of the village did not have enough food.

Teodomiro Ramos, native of Churcampa, was marveled by Rosa Octavila's beauty and personality.

They got married and were blessed with 8 children and a happy home.

Carmen was the eldest daughter. Churcampa had only the elementary school when Rosa's first children were born. She wanted them to have more education than they could get Churcampa, and the family moved to Lima, where her children could get a better education.

On the website <http://rosaoramosfoundation.org/> she writes

“Rosa was an extraordinary person, a dedicated wife, an exemplary and loving mother, kind and caring friend, she was a pillar of faith for many. Active in her spiritual life, our Lord called her to dedicate her efforts to advise her friends, relatives and acquaintances giving them love, fortitude and courage to anyone that needed it. Rosa Octavila was an active member of the Magnificat group, in charge of the intercessory prayers. She organized other praying groups evangelizing in her community. Her examples and teachings are still a source of inspiration. “

The family immigrated in 1976 to Los Angeles, California and in 2007 Rosa passed away.

To honor her mom, Carmen founded the Rosa Octavila Ramos Foundation in 2010.

The website describes the foundation:

The Rosa Octavila Ramos Foundation is a public organization dedicated to raising funds to provide assistance to the underprivileged families and children of Churcampa, Huancavelica Peru. It is with the direct help of the Catholic Parish of San Antonio de Padua and the sisters of the Ministers of Charity that we partner with to provide aid relief programs assisting with the basic necessities including food, shelter and medical support to those most in need in Churcampa and the surrounding local communities.

A major objective is to provide the children with 1 nutritious meal per day. They are providing food for about 300 kids. The foundation donates about \$5000 per year. Last year they realized the kitchen was badly in need of repair and utensils needed to be replaced and they donated \$2,000 for that purpose.

More information about the Rosa Octavila Ramos Foundation and the work they do can be found on their website: <http://rosaoramosfoundation.org/>

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

Past President **Bill Wishard** presided over the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of August 26. He talked about a couple upcoming Rotary District events .The annual Rotary District 5280 Picnic will be held September 30 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Seaside Lagoon, 200 Portofino Way, Redondo Beach. Bill has been to these before and says they are lots of fun, especially for kids, and he will be attending with his grand daughters. Admission is free but it is recommended you bring some food or dinks to share with the group. The Rotary Foundation Dinner will be held Novemer 14 at the Loewe’s Hotel in Santa Monica. It is sold out, but several club members have tickets. Bill said that he had tickets available for Carlye Rudkin. Everyone should buy Rotary Foundation Raffle tickets, which are \$100 per book. Selling these books the money goes directly into the Rotary Foundation and counts towards Rotarians’ Paul Harris total of \$1000. Items are being solicited for the silent auction at the event. At our August 19 meeting we decided to create a “Taste of Malibu” basket which will contain wine from local Malibu Vineyards and certificates for Malibu Restaurants. When the Rotary District Assistant Governor Dwight Heikkila visits on

September 23 he will be presented with the Malibu Rotary Club auction item (or items) as well as a \$333.00 donation to the Rotary Foundation, derived from our clubs Happy Dollars account. With Bill Gates matching 2 for 1 dollars the \$333.00 will become \$1000.00. Are we donating \$333.00 or \$333.33 1/3? Maybe it should be \$333.34 to reach that magic \$1000.00 plateau with Gates' help.



**Special Rotary Guests  
Rotary Assistant  
District Governor  
Dwight Heikkila and  
wife Sook**

**Rotary Assistant District  
Governor Dwight  
Heikkila and wife Sook** attended the August 26 Malibu Rotary Club meeting. Dwight is a member and past President of the Westwood Village Rotary Club is the Assistant District Governor assigned to the Malibu Rotary Club. He will have his official visit and be the speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on September 26. It was his wife Sook who had the most interesting story to tell us this time however.

Most of us (like this writer) who have been in Rotary over 30 years remember a time when Rotary was a men's organization. It wasn't until the Rotary Club of Duarte, California invited 3 women to be members in 1978 that females were allowed membership. It took 9 years before it was official. It took a decision handed down by the United States Supreme Court in 1987, to make it official. Prior to that the wives of the members had auxiliary organization and were called "Rotary Anns".

This designation was never one of disparagement, but rather grew out of an interesting historical occasion. The year was 1914 when San Francisco Rotarians boarded a special train to attend the Rotary Convention being held in Houston. In those days few wives attended Rotary events, and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarian Brunnier..

At the train's arrival at the Houston depot, a delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One of the greeters was **Guy Gundaker** of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named **Ann**. During the rousing demonstration, someone started the Rotary Ann chant. The two petite ladies, **Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker**, were hoisted to the men's shoulders and parade about the hall. The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann. Immediately the same term of endearment was used for all of the wives in attendance and the name "**Rotary Ann**" was here to stay.

[Oklahoma City](#), Club 29 is responsible for the origin of the Rotary Ann auxiliary organization. OKC Rotarian Virgil Browne's wife, Maimie Lee, proposed this organization to Club 29 in November, 1928, and its acceptance has spread to thousands of clubs throughout the Rotary world.

One of those auxiliary clubs was formed 80 years ago in our Rotary District, a ladies auxiliary to the Westwood Village Club. It is now the only surviving Rotary Ladies Auxiliary Club in the district and is very active. Sook Heikkila has been an active participant in this club, which meets monthly as a luncheon, rotating at members home, with a guest speaker each week, inexpensive dues, and with their own community projects. One of their community projects has been working with Angel Flight in helping getting needy patients to the hospital from their airport.

### **Malibu Rotary Club Participation in Malibu Kiwanis Club Chili Cookoff**

Bianca Torrence is chairing Malibu Rotary Club participation in the Annual Malibu Kiwanis Club Chili Cookoff held Labor Day weekend September 4, 5, and 6<sup>th</sup>. The Malibu Rotary club is again selling water and watermelon. Usually Kiwanis supplies tent for booth, but not this year. Bianca's sister Carmen is lending us her tent to use. Kiwanis had Malibu Rotary Club buy \$100 raffle ticket for car in order to participate in event. All Malibu Rotarians are expected to put desired hours on sign up sheet Bianca circulated at the August 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> meetings and will have at future meetings leading up to event.

### **Guests**

Besides Dwight and Sook Heikkila guests included Bianca and Carmen's aunt and sister of Rosa Octavila Ramos, unfortunately not sure of her name, and also future member of the Malibu

Rotary Club (to be inducted September 23) **Mark Persson**, Executive Director of the Malibu Chamber of Chamber of Commerce.

## Happy Dollars

We don't have room for all the happy dollars that flowed in to the Happy Dollar Basket for Rotary Foundation money, but we want to mention the most significant one, actually 86 of them, that were put in by **Bob Syvertsen** for his birthday. Happy 86, Bob!

## Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatche makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to 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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Speaker	Date	Topic
Irene Bettler	Sep 02, 2015	What is Kyäni? Malibu Rotarian Irene Bettler explains how Kyäni uses Alaskan Sockeye Salmon, to create the most compelling
JT Waring	Sep 09, 2015	Bringing Rotary Back to Burma <b><u>Since 2011 JT Waring has been Special Representative of the International Rotary International.</u></b> He lives in both Anaheim Hills, California, USA, and Yangon, Myanmar

Speaker	Date	Topic
		He is recognized for senior public affairs/civic service leadership, to orphanages in Myanmar (the former Burma), where Rotary had as a local organization on June 3, 2013. He will now lead the re-in
David Zielski	Sep 16, 2015	Club Assembly in Preparation for Rotary District Assistant Governor
Rotary District Beach Party	Sep 20, 2015	Rotary District Picnic at Seaside Lagoon in Redondo Beach Don't miss one of the most fun events every year- the District P fellowship! - See more at: <a href="http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/Event/1">http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/Event/1</a>
Rotary District Assistant Governor Dwight Heikkila	Sep 23, 2015	Rotary District Report from The Rotary Assistant District Governor
Rotary District Breakfast #2	Oct 20, 2015	Rotary District Breakfast #2 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 Century Blvd
Rotary Foundation Celebration	Nov 14, 2015	Rotary Foundation Celebration "Seaside Serenade" at Lowes Santa
David Zielski	Jan 13, 2016	Club Assembly -- 6 month Rotary Year Review David Zielski and Malibu Rotary Club leadership review the club's p
Rotary Peace Conference	Jan 15, 2016	Rotary Peace Conference in Ontario, CA Jan 15-16
Rotary District Hunanitarian Trip tp Panama	Jan 27, 2016	Rotary District Hunanitarian Trip tp Panama Jann 27-Feb 1
Rotary District Breakfast #3	Feb 11, 2016	Rotary District Breakfast #3 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 Century Blvd

- See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2529/Speakers#sthash.ImTqdWhe.dpuf>