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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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## **Malibu Rotary Club President Elect Delvin Glymph talks about his summer in Colombia**



**Malibu Rotary Club President Elect Delvin Glymph spent most of his summer vacation in Colombia. At the August 5 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club Delvin explains why returns to this country and why it is his favorite country to visit.**

The Tayrona National Natural Park is a protected area in the Colombian northern Caribbean region and within the jurisdiction of the Department of Magdalena and 34 kilometres from the city of Santa Marta. Delvin says there is nothing you can see on TV, no pictures, that can compare to actually

walking working through that jungle. It hot and humid, but the colors are like nothing he has experienced anywhere else. It is like seeing the world in HD. Colombia has more species of birds than any other country in the world.

Delvin's description was similar to an on line reviewer of the park who wrote, "Tayrona is awesome in that you get a fun tropical jungle hike with huge rocks and then you end up at the sea and get to take in sights and smells there as well as some beaches to swim in after hiking for a couple hours. There's also quite a variety of wildlife at Tayrona. We saw monkeys, a number of different lizards, different crabs, all sorts of birds, plenty of ants carrying leaves, huge variety of fish."

Colombia has about 2,000 species of [marine fish](#) and is the second most diverse country in [freshwater fish](#). Colombia is the country with more endemic species of [butterflies](#), number 1 in terms of [orchid](#) species and approximately 7,000 species of [beetles](#). Colombia is second in the number of amphibian species and is the third most diverse country in [reptiles](#) and [palms](#).

The geography of Colombia is characterized by its six main [natural regions](#) that present their own unique characteristics, from the [Andes mountain range](#) region shared with Ecuador and Venezuela; the [Pacific coastal region](#) shared with Panama and Ecuador; the Caribbean coastal region shared with Venezuela and Panama; the [Llanos](#) (plains) shared with Venezuela; the [Amazon Rainforest](#) region shared with Venezuela, Brazil, Peru and Ecuador; to the [insular area](#), comprising islands in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans

The country is not only diverse in geography, but in culture, climate and economy. Because it is on the equator it is hot in land near sea level. But cooler in the higher elevations in the Andes where many of the largest cities are.

With an estimated 48 million people in 2015, Colombia is the [third-most populous country](#) in Latin America, after Brazil and Mexico. It is also home to the third-largest number of Spanish speakers in the world after Mexico and the United States.

Delvin visited four cities in Colombia. The Capital and largest city in Colombia is Bogata. It has a population of 7 million people and is the second-highest capital city in South America at 2,640 meters (8,660 ft) above sea level, after [Quito](#). It's metropolitan area has a population of 13 million people. Bogotá is the fastest growing major city in Latin America, and is expected to have over 25 million inhabitants by 2038.

Among the things Delvin was able to see Bogata was a cathedral carved out of a salt mine. He also visited Candelaria (the Old City) where the streets are made of cobblestone. One of Delvin's favorite cities is Medine, a 2000 meter high city, which had a temperature 85 degrees F 24 hrs a day. Medine has some unusual street markets. Not just farmers markets that you might see in other places of the world, the street markets are huge areas divided up into categories of goods sold. There is a street market for electronic devices, and street market for shoes, in addition to the typical street market for produce..

Delvin celebrated his birthday in Colombia, and he said that celebrating his birthday in another country has gotten to be a tradition for him. He and his friends have celebrated this by lighting up Cuban cigars. Those cigars have been illegal in the United States but that may change this year, so Delvin may celebrate his birthdays at home.

A standing joke with Delvin and his friends on the trip was finding a duplicate of a red soccer jersey Delvin had seen when he first arrived in Colombia. He had seen someone with this authentic Jersey in

Santa Marta and Delvin wanted to buy one for himself, and at every new stop on his trip he looked and searched for the jersey with no luck in finding one.

The last city on the triip would be Cali the 3 rd larges city in Columbia. It was somewhat lower in altitude and the temperature was 90 degrees until 1:00 p.m. But people told him not to worry about the heat, because at 1:00 p.m a cool breeze will blow through the city and cool things down. And just like clockwork that is exactly what happened—the breeze started at 1:00 pm and made the afternoon and evening quite comfotable.

And in Cali another cool thing happened. Delvin went into a shop and they had the authentic red soccer jersey in his size! Not only that but they had a special deal where you could get 3 for about \$40.00, so Delvin was albe to bring back a gift.

Now he only had to deal with a 10 hour bus ride over a one lane mountain road. He said eveyone was nice there including the drivers. When someone wanted to pass the drivers would cordially move over to let the faster vehicle go ahead.

Sound like Delvin had a great time and now we know why Colombia holds such a great attraction for him.

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

**Bianca Torrence** had several things to report. On a personal note she was proud to tell us her sone David won a silver medal in the 1500 meter race at the recent Pan American games. She also told progress she was making for the Malibu Rotary Club participation in the Kiwanis Chili Cookoff on Labor Day Week end. She said that although Kiwanis was going to waive the cost of the Malibu Rotary Club booth, the Rotary Club was required to buy a \$100 car raffle ticket in order to have a booth. Also, the Kiwanis club was not going to provide a tent for the booth. Bianca had some good news though. She said her sister could provide a tent. And of the 2 items the Rotary Club is going to sell in their booth, watermelon and water, she may be getting Vinatage Grocers to donate water melon, and Ralph's to donate water. We are hoping to get help from Chris Bauman to use his truck and get ice and hoping that the Corrodi family will still let use their tables, chairs, and ice buckets.

The only guest at the July 29 was **Chris Bashaw** of the Malibu Surfside News, who will report what Delvin actually said.,

### **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-RL0&list=UUFetq8NgjhXhtkVf0idcQUg>

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

Filter records:

Kelly Tyler, Sr Librarian LA Public Library "Adult Literacy"

Aug 12, 2015

Literacy Breakfast at Lawry's Restaurant in Beverly Hills  
At Lawry's Restaurant, 100 N. La Cienga Beverly Hills.

The annual Rotary District Literacy Breakfast is a morning dedicated to vocational chairs, youth service chairs and any Rotarian wishing to participate. [39dd71caacc7#sthash.1g13rs11.dpuf](#)

Carmen Ramos Koros and Bianca RamosTorrence

Aug 26, 2015

Rosa O Ramos Foundation

**“In many Latin American cities, children as young as seven are seen begging, shining shoes, entertaining passers-by, begging, scavenging, and selling. Children in poverty. One of the pillars of any compassionate system is the support of the poor.”**

**The Rosa O Ramos Foundation is a public organization dedicated to providing shelter and medical support to those most in need in Churcamayo and the sisters of the Ministers of Charity to provide these services.**

David Zielski

Sep 09, 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  
fellowship! - See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/Even>

Rotary District Assistant  
Governor Dwight Heikkila

Sep 23,  
2015

Rotary District Report from The Rotary Assistant District Governo

Rotary District Breakfast #2

Oct 20,  
2015

Rotary District Breakfast #2 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 Century Bl

Rotary Foundation Celebration

Nov 14,  
2015

Rotary Foundation Celebration "Seaside Serenade" at Lowes San

David Zielski

Jan 13,  
2016

Club Assembly -- 6 month Rotary Year Review

David Zielski and Malibu Rotary Club leadership review the club's

Rotary Peace Conference

Jan 15,  
2016

Rotary Peace Conference in Ontario, CA Jan 15-16

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