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## ***Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter***

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- **Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)**
- **Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280.org/](http://www.rotary5280.org/)**
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## **Three Youth Speakers Share Their Rotary Sponsored Experiences**

**Jaime Le, the Malibu Rotary Club Sponsored RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly) Student; Grace Stickney, who was a Rotary Summer Exchange Student to Japan; and Ryota Shimada, Her Rotary Exchange Japanese Brother**

**Each of the three students explained how their Rotary sponsored experiences enriched their lives**



**(L to R) Malibu High School student Jaime Le, who was sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club to attend RYLA camp in the San Bernadino Mountains; Ryota Shimada, a high school student from Shizuoka, Japan, who became a summer exchange student to Malibu and is holding Malibu Rotary Club flag he was presented; Malibu Rotary Club Past President Dave Zielski who is holding flag of the Shimizu-Chuo Rotary Club that sponsored Ryota ; Malibu High School Student Grace Stickney, who is holding the flag of Rotary Club she visited in Kyoto Japan; and Malibu Rotary Club President of the month Margo Neal.**

## **Jaim Le Talks About is RYLA experience**

*Editors note: Each spring between 180 and 200 high school students from Rotary District 5280 in the greater Los Angeles area meet for 2 ½ days to improve their skills as leaders in their communities. Students participate in experiential learning activities, including active leadership workshops, team building activities, and a RYLA Olympic and talent show. Set high in the San Bernadino Mountains the camp is breathtaking and completely private, giving the students a peaceful environment in which to learn more about themselves and their peers. The local program is part of a worldwide program provided by Rotary International in which thousands of students participate.*

Jaime Le will be a senior at Malibu High School this year. Last year his friend Keaton told him about great experience he had when he was selected by the Malibu Rotary Club to go to the RYLA camp in the San Bernadino Mountains. At the August 17 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club told the Rotarians that he and Keaton were alike in many ways, and liked a lot of the same things. On Keaton's recommendation Jaime applied for and was approved by the Malibu Rotary Club to attend the camp. He said that his expectations were already high for the camp before he went there, but he told the Rotarians that his experience surpassed his expectations.

Jaime told us that when he arrived at the camp the only other person he knew was the Malibu student this year, Malibu High School student Nick. Jaime said that when he arrived at the camp everyone was divided into smaller groups to work on various activities. He said the group he was assigned to were kids who were mostly in the South Bay area. We welcomed the chance to meet new people, and said that on the Malibu High sports teams that he was in they did not play any teams in the South Bay area and he enjoyed broadening his scope of peers who would become friends. The activities that the RYLA camp did, involved trust and problem solving together. One of the activities involved Improv. He had to pick up ideas that others started and "go with the flow." You don't say no to idea that you might not have considered before.

Jaime said he learned about 4 personality types. He said that all the personality types are necessary for an organization to function. Some people are leaders who delegate. Some people like to be told what to do, and like to do the grunt work. Some people are intellectual and like to talk about ideas. When asked what personality type Jaime was he said he was intellectual. One of the activities Jaime participated in at the camp was the task of creating a budget on a product his group worked on as an assignment.

When asked how he implement things he learned at the RYLA camp into his life as he begins his senior year a Malibu High Jaime replied that he will find a lot of usefulness in leadership skills acquired at the RYLA as he leads the Robotics Club at Malibu High School. He said the Robotics Club is given an assignment to create a robot that performs a certain task, like hit a volleyball. The club competes against robotics clubs in other schools. He believes skills learned at the RYLA camp will him do this.

*Editors Note: Rotary International and the local Rotary District sponsor two types of youth exchanges. The most common one is for a year, and is generally opened for students to spend their entire senior year of high school in another country living with a Rotary host family. Rotary District 5280, in addition to the one year program offer a short term summer program which gives students the opportunity to spend 3 months during the summer overseas. Grace Stickeny and Ryota Shimada participated in the short term program this summer.*

### **Grace Stickney Talks About Her Experience as Exchange Student to Japan**

Grace Stickney is a 15 year sophomore at Malibu High School. This summer she became a Rotary Exchange student to Japan and was able to go to the home of Ryota Shimada in Shizuoka Japan. She said the Shimada family included Ryota's older brother, his parents, and a poodle dog. Shizuoka is about three hours from Tokyo, and not many foreigners go there. It allowed Grace to completely immerse herself in true Japanese culture. Prior to her trip Grace had taken 6 months of Japanese language courses online. Her Japanese is still very limited so she was thankful that Ryota's mom had been a foreign exchange student to America and spoke much better English than Grace spoke Japanese. The extended family had many younger children, which worked well for Grace, because she enjoys playing with and teaching children.

In Japan Grace went to Ryota's high school. There was an intramural sports tournament going on at the school and Grace got to play basketball. She also attended a music class. Ryota plays violin and Grace plays guitar. She found herself giving elementary guitar lessons to some Japanese students.

Grace also visited a girls high school. She was given a chance to play harp at that high school. One thing Grace really enjoyed while in Japan was the Fire Works Festival. Grace said that this is a regular event in Japan, and unlike the Fourth of July in the US goes on several weeks. The fireworks are coordinated with music and the result is an artistic entertainment that is very captivating.

Grace also played volleyball while in Japan. She enjoyed it so much she plans to play volleyball this year at Malibu High School.

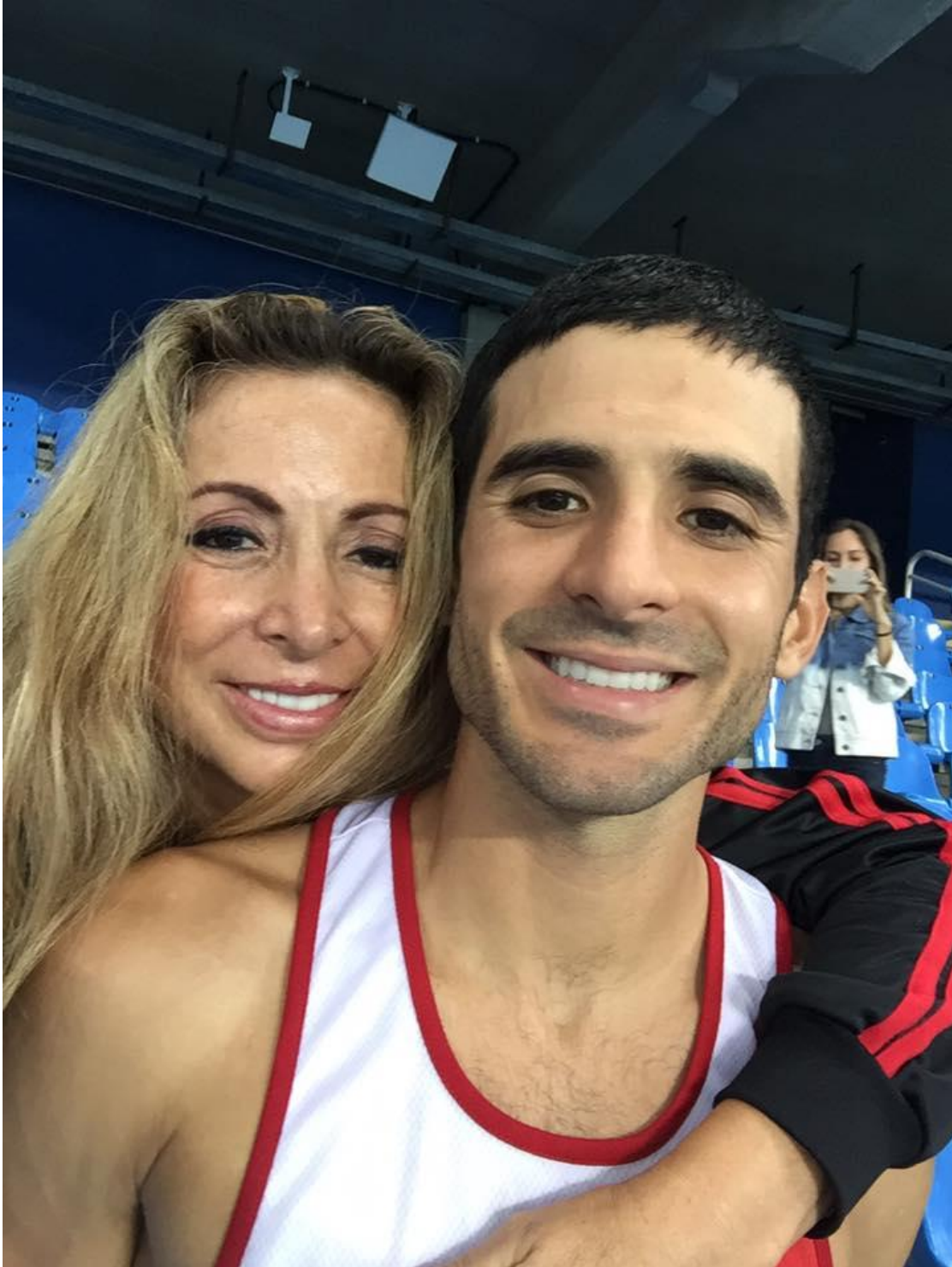
In addition to activities around Ryota's home Grace the Rotary District in Japan sponsored a trip to Kyoto where Grace was able visit that cities temples and shrines. A highlight was playing word games with members of the Rotary Club there.

Grace was able to pack in as much as she could in the three weeks she spent in Japan . She feels she was able to bond with people despite the now being fluent in the Japanese language. .Asked about difference between American and Japanese culture Grace said that the Japanese are able to pick up on little things that Americans don't notice. She also said that there is a formal way, and respect that they have that does not seem to prevail in America.

### **Ryota Talks About his home and his visit to Malibu**

Ryota Shimada said that he is learning to speak English and his participation in the Rotary Youth Exchange is part of that goal. He has been aware of Rotary for some time. His grandfather is a Rotarian in Japan. Ryota said that the city he from is near Mount Fuji, and Mt Fuji is depicted on the Shimizu-Chuo Rotary Club flag. When the group of Japanese students visited the Los Angeles area (as part of Rotary District 5280 exchange) the Japanese students met with the American students and they all went to Camp Stevens for a week. They also visited and attended several concerts at Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara. Because he spoke limited English he depended on Grace to help him explain his experience, which was obviously a positive one.

**Bianca and David Torrence Enjoy Their First Olympics and All the Local Support for David**



**Malibu Rotary Club President-Elect Bianca Torrence and her son David Torrence talked about their experience at the 2016 Olympics at Rio:**

**David:** “Hung on as hard as I possibly could, and made it 4km at the fastest pace of my life! And then wow did the wheels fall off! Still so proud to be 16th in the world. I know I have a long way to go, but this is just the beginning, and I will be back better and stronger. We will be better and stronger. Thank you everybody for all the love and support!”

**Bianca:** “To have an Olympian Son... David Torrence you make my heart beat like sometimes it's going to jump out of my chest. In your 5000M race, You placed 15th place worldwide, running with an injured calf and you gave it your all. I'm so blessed, feel proud and so inspired by your tenacity, determination and all your accomplishments. Thank you for everything you do and for being you. I love you more than you can imagine ♥☐ you have won the heart of many people for you have a heartof gold! Congratulations you are already a champion! ☐ I'm grateful to everyone for all the support and encouragement we have received. Thank you!”

Editors Note: David's time in the 5000 meter (3.1 mile) race was 13:43.12 which is less than 40 seconds more than Mohamed Farah's winning time of 13:03:30. It seems pretty trivial to most of us, whose life isn't measured in hundredths of a second.



**Speaker at Next Malibu Rotary Club will be Pepperdine Student Stuart Slayton, President of Lambda Sigma Service Chapter of Pepperdine's Psi Upsilon fraternity who will tell how the local fraternity gained national recognition for extraordinary accomplishments**



**Officers of Lambda Sigma Service Chapter of Psi Upsilon fraternity(L to R) Chris Hannum, Tyler Ryan, Josh Myers and its President Stuart Slayton, receive awards from President of Psi Upsilon Executive Council Evan Terry at June ceremony in Bellevue, Washington as Lambd Sigma Past President (and Malibu Rotary member) Jack Sherrer III and chapter leadership consultant Dominic House (Lambda Sigma 2015) look on.**

This past June, the Lambda Sigma chapter of Psi Upsilon, was honored at the International convention for their many achievements over the past academic year. The chapter consisting of forty young men received every award possible at the convention, including awards for exceptional academic performance, philanthropic contributions totaling over \$30,000, and completing nearly 2,000 service hours in our community. The chapter also received the two highest national awards given, Diamond Award for Exceptional Chapters who distinguish themselves by exceeding the Psi Upsilon chapter standards, and the Award of Distinction, only given to recognize chapters when they perform in an extraordinary manner. Stuart Slayton, the president of the chapter, will be speaking on the successes of the group, how they achieved them,

and what the chapter plans to do moving forward when he addresses the Malibu Rotary Club at its next noon meeting at Pepperdine's Drescher campus.

### **Rotary District Evens**

The district breakfast was a successful event with about 360 people attending. There was live music and a lot of enthusiasm from participants and audience.

**August 27 is the Rotary District Picnic** at Seaside Lagoon in Redondo Beach starting at 5:00 p.m.—there will be cardboard boat race, DJ and Family Fun.

**Humanitarian Trip to Merida, Mexico** will take place January 25-30 2017, and will feature Rotarians participating in 7 different humanitarian projects.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> is the Rotary Literacy Breakfast** at Lawry's on 100 N La Cienega in Los Angeles at 7:00 a.m. Guest speaker is Detective II Gil Escontrias, LAPD "Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) section. Full breakfast provided by Lawry's but RSVP to Hector Torres at [hltlax54@hotmail.com](mailto:hltlax54@hotmail.com) by September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Rotary District Leadership Skills Courses**.will take place February 4 and 11thkl.

### **Chili Cookoff--Malibu Rotary Club Volunteers**

The 35th Anniversary Malibu Kiwanis Chili Cook-Off, Carnival and Fair takes place on Labor Day weekend, September 2-5, 2016 at Civic Center Way and Stuart Ranch Road. Hours are 6-10pm on Friday, 10am-10pm Saturday/Sunday and 10am-6pm on Monday. Even though the Girl Scouts may be selling water, Malibu Rotary is still planning to sell water and watermelon at the Malibu Rotary Booth, as it has done the past several years. Bianca was to try to get local markets to donate water and watermelon and she has tent being stored in Carlye's garage along with gear we used at Art Festival and we have aprons and things we needed to operate the booth. Usually the Malibu Rotary Booth is open Friday night (from 6:00 p.m. until about 9:00), and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. with 4 hour morning and afternoon shifts each day--with shifts changing at 2:00 p.m. We close the both Sunday night after the big raffle. Volunteers can be Malibu Rotarians, friends and family. Volunteers get free admission to the carnival that day to use before or after their shift. Sign up sheet will again be brought to next Malibu Rotary Club meeting.

## **Chili Cookoff Malibu Rotary Booth Shifts**

**Friday 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m**  
**Saturday 10:00 a.m-2:00 p.m**  
**Saturday 2:00 p.m-6:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

## **Malibu Rotary Club Presidents of the Month (2016-2017)**

### **Malibu Rotary Club President of Record (2016-17) Bill Wishard**

**August 2016-----Margo Neal**  
**September 2016—David Zielski**  
**October 2016-----John Elman**  
**November 2016—W. David Baird**  
**December 2016—Bill Wishard**  
**January 2017-----Robert "Bob" Syvertsen**  
**February 2017-----John Elman**  
**March 2017-----W. David Baird**  
**April 2017-----Margo Neal**  
**May 2017-----Robert "Bob" Syverstsens**  
**June 2017-----David Zielski**

## **CALENDAR (see up to date calendar on [maliburotary.org](http://maliburotary.org))**

- **August 24 . Speaker at Malibu Rotary Club will be Pepperdine Student Stuart Slayton, President of Lambda Sigma Service Chapter of Pepperdine's Psi Upsilon fraternity who will tell how the local fraternity gained national recognition for extraordinary accomplishments**
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- **August 31—Club Asssembly Meeting featuring Margo Neal and Bianca Torrence making sure all assignments for Malibu Rotary Club booth at Chili-Cookoff are covered.**

- **September 7 Speaker at Malibu Rotary Club will be Alec Tuckman who will tell How Recent Events Affect the Stock Market**
- **September 8<sup>th</sup> is the Rotary Literacy Breakfast at Lawry's on 100 N La Cienega in Los Angeles at 7:00 a.m. Guest speaker is Detective II Gil Escontrias, LAPD "Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) section. Full breakfast provided by Lawry's but RSVP to Hector Torres at [hltlax54@hotmail.com](mailto:hltlax54@hotmail.com) by September 5<sup>th</sup>.**
- **September 14 Will be A Malibu Rotary Club Assembly Preparing for District Governor**
- **September 21 District Governor Greg O'Brien, his Executive Aid and Assistant Governor visit the Malibu Rotary Club to talk about Rotary District events. It is also a time when officers of the Malibu Rotary Club tell the district governor and his aid the plans and events of the Malibu Rotary Club for the year.**
- **October 11 the second Rotary District Breakfast of the year will be held at the Westin LAX and 7:00 a.m.**
- **October 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner aboard the Battleship USS Iowa (sold out).**
- **November 9 John Elman and Divid Zielski will talk and show how to use Rotary websites for communication**
- **November 10-13 will be Zone Institute at Fess Parker Resort**
- **November 15 will be USC/UCLA Tailgate Lunch**
- **November 16 Speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club will be Gern Munro. Gern is Director of Amarok Society, a registered Canadian charity that provides education programs to the very poor in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nigeria.**