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- Malibu Rotary Club Website: www.MalibuRotary.org

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 (2009-2010) John Kenny

Rotary District 5280 Governor (2009-2010): Susanne Sundberg

Rep. Henry Waxman to Speak at Special Tuesday morning Malibu Rotary Meeting at Pepperdine Executive Center at 8:30 a.m. Jan 5

Rep. Henry A Waxman, who represents the 30th Congressional District which includes cities of [Agoura Hills](#), [Beverly Hills](#), [Calabasas](#), [Hidden Hills](#), [Malibu](#), [Santa Monica](#), [West Hollywood](#) and [Westlake Village](#). will be addressing the Malibu Rotary Club on Tuesday, January 5 at 8:30 a.m. at the Grazadio Executive Center of Pepperdine University. Rep. Waxman is Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and has been an advocat of universal health insurance. The public is invited.

The cost will be \$30, \$15 of which will go to Rotary charities.

There is a chance that he might have to cancel because of the healthcare vote in Washington. Check national news for time of that vote and this website for changes of schedule.

The next meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club will be Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. at Ruby's Cafe at the end of the Malibu Pier. Note the change of time and place from regular meetings.

Pompeya Monteros inducted as newest Malibu Rotarian at Holiday Party



The last Malibu Rotary Club meeting of 2009 was the Holiday Party held December 16 at Pepperdine University Graziadio Executive Center. At the meeting Malibu Rotary Club president **Holmes Osborne** inducted **Pompeya Monteros**, who was not only the 2nd new member Holmes inducted this year, it was the 2nd new member inducted this month (**Kevin Boling** was inducted December 2).

Pompeya was introduced and sponsored by **Bill Wishard**, whom he said was his “Grand Sister.” Bill’s daughter Allison is married to Pompeya’s son Eddie, and that couple produced a grandchild for Bill and Pompeya.

Pompeya spends a good portion of her time in Ecuador, and Bill introduced to Rotary by telling her about the projects Rotary International and especially Rotary District 5280 were doing in Ecuador. She was so excited about what she heard when Bill took her to

the meeting at the Del Amo Rotary Club last month which featured Rotary humanitarian projects in Ecuador and where Pompeya met **Eddie Bedon**, the Consul General of Ecuador, she wanted to join Rotary right away so she could immediately be involved with these projects.

When she isn’t in Ecuador Pompeya lives in the South Bay area of Los Angeles near Manhattan Beach called Holyglene. There she has a business called Amek White Gloves, which does building remodeling and the contracting of cleanup for construction projects. Her work phone is 310-643-9519 and Pompeya’s e-mail address is pompeyamonteros@hotmail.com. She was about to leave for Quito, Ecuador after the meeting will be spending the next 3 months in Ecuador. She hopes work with Rotary District 5280 liaison Joe Vasquez on the Rotary projects in Ecuador while she is there. We repeated story from last week’s *Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter* about the Del Amo Rotary Club meeting.

The Ecuador Connection

Bill Wishard reported that on December 1 he attended the meeting of the Del Amo Rotary Club, along with his son-in-law’s mother, **Pompeya Monteros**, who is from Ecuador. The meeting was attended by many Rotary District 5280 officials including **DG Susanne Sundberg**, as well **Eddie Bedon** the Consul General of Ecuador, and featured discussions about the upcoming projects that Rotary District 5280 Rotarians will be participating in their trip to Ecuador in March, 2010.



Pictured to left DG Susanne Sundberg and Malibu Rotarian Bill Wishard at Del Amo Rotary Club Meeting.

Pictured below is Eddie Bedon the Consul General of Ecuador



Guests from the Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Highlights of Malibu Rotary Club Assembly October 21

Malibu Rotary Club Joining Biosand Filters in Ecuador Project

Malibu Rotary Club President Holmes Osborne discussed the possibilities of Malibu Rotary Club getting involved in Rotary International projects. Discussion went to the presentation given to the Malibu Rotary Club the previous month by Ron and Carol Cousineau from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan brought a Biosand project back from Ecuador in October 2008. Information about this can be found on the Malibu Rotary Club website at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/home/storyitem.asp?cid=2529&iid=116486>

The Cousineaus, who are members of the Pontiac Michigan Rotary Club, and have partnered with Rotary Club Tsachilas of Santo Domingo de los Colorados, Ecuador (District 4400), and were looking for more US Rotary Club partners. Following the Malibu Rotary meeting of October 21, Margo Neal e-mailed, Ron and Carol and received the following reply:

Hi, Margo, and John and William and Club Malibu members,

What wonderful news! We are delighted to have you join us with great hopes for the future of Rotary/ Biosand in Ecuador! We are leaving for Ecuador, as I said, in two weeks (Nov. 5 - 16) One or both of us will be returning to CA January 23 - Feb. 6 to help with the two babies when Allison's husband Matt returns to Myanmar for two weeks. (He has his airline tickets). So I (we?) will be able to show you what we did on this trip in late January early February!

Some of things we plan to do while there:

1. I will oversee the training of, hopefully, 115 families including children four years old and up, and teachers and maintenance persons from 35 of the 70 rural schools, who will be receiving filters shortly. The monitors we trained will conduct the training which includes complete Biosand ownership information and extensive hygiene and sanitation education with my introductions and conclusions. I edited my CAWST training material intended for trainers for them with great Hispanic graphics. CAWST is The Center for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology in Calgary Canada, which is the center for all BioSand training and information. I will be there to make sure they have everything they need (projector etc.), it goes well and meet the people. To keep their attention focused on the material, I give away prizes to children and adults if they know the answers to questions we ask periodically throughout the presentation.

2. We hope to meet the other Rotarians from Club Los Chillos, Quito, the capitol of Ecuador, who agreed to act as contacts for our grant. One is el Presidente and the other, a woman member of his club. Rodrigo Ortiz is from Santo Domingo Club Rotario Tsachilas. We know there are seven Rotaries who would like to have Biosand projects. We would like to meet as many as possible and find out how we can help them.

3. We want to visit homes and find out how the health has improved of the families and schools which have received filters (about 40 - 50 by the time we arrive). We will meet with Dr. Meno and Diana Moncayo, the director of the university clinic, who has contacted us that she is willing to help us when we arrive, to see what they have observed and how they can help in the future, after we leave.

4. Ron will be setting up the book keeping necessary to keep careful records of all expenditures so that Rotary's demands will be met. The charity in Ecuador has received partial payment of the grant and our micro business is now building filters for Rotary!

5. We made many friends there who are helping with this project and it will be good to see them again and reconnect be with them, strengthening our project.

As far as what you can do to join our project:

First, I guess you need to decide how much money you are able to donate to the project and then how involved a member(s) of your club might like to get. If anyone would care to join us on this trip, they would be able learn first hand what is going on. Perhaps they could make contact with another Ecuadorian club, or we could for you, and you could become lead club champions for a new project. (One of your members asked us to find out about adopting an Ecuadorian child to join his large happy family! He could accomplish both!) If no one is so inclined, you can join us in our Santo Domingo project. We are fundraising now for the second half of our project, another 150 filters for the second half of the schools and families.

**Thank you for your confidence in us. We won't disappoint you.
Your new Rotary Partners,
(Ron) and Carol, Club Pontiac**

PROJECT TRIUMPH



Project TRIUMPH program was 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. Sponsorship of this program has been mostly from the Newbury Rotary Club and Rotary Clubs in District 5240. Malibu Rotary Club was the first Rotary Club in Rotary District 5280 to support this project