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

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- Malibu Rotary Club Website: [www.MalibuRotary.org](http://www.MalibuRotary.org)

Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)

Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280la.org](http://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

### **Kevin Boling inducted as newest Malibu Rotarian**



**Kevin Boling** was inducted as a member of the Malibu Rotary Club at the club’s morning meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Although Kevin and his wife Laura live in Newport Beach, CA, and the company he represents, Universal Waste Systems, Inc. (UWS), operates solid waste and recycling services throughout Los Angeles County and beyond, we are honored that Kevin has chosen the Malibu Rotary Club to base his Rotary membership. He and his daughter Ashley already made their presence in Malibu felt when they volunteered to make and serve stuffing for 100 people at the 2009 SOS-Malibu Rotary Club Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless on November 19<sup>th</sup>. We learned at that event that Kevin and Ashley have a background in catering. Kevin also joined members of the Malibu Rotary Club who went to the Rotary sponsored “USC-UCLA” pre-game football rally, which he said was really more of a “USC-USC” rally.

Besides Ashley, Kevin has three other children. Sons Steven and Clayton, who are in college,

and daughter Kelly, who is a star high school water polo player.

Kevin had previously been a member of the Riverside Rotary Club.

Kevin's Rotary classification is Waste Management. Kevin points out that his background in this area makes him a professional "Trash Talker." UWS has three operating facilities located in Pomona, Santa Fe Springs, and Los Angeles and planning a fourth facility in Canoga Park. UWS operates a transfer station out of our Pomona Facility transferring over 65,000 tons of solid waste and green waste to local landfills per year. UWS is contracted to provide solid waste, recycling, and green waste service to over 15,000 single family homes, and is contracted with the City of Los Angeles to provide multifamily recycling to the entire San Fernando Valley collecting recyclables from over 60,000 units per week.

In Rotary networking fashion Bill Wishard, who not only is a Malibu Rotary Club Past President, he is a Past President of Malibu West HOA. Bill introduced Kevin to the Malibu West HOA present board people and Bill told us Kevin's meeting with them went well. He will prepare a proposal to them and in Bill's view Kevin has a decent chance of getting their business!

### **The Ecuador Connection and Guests from the Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**



**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**

Apparently Pompeya was so excited and impressed with what Rotary is doing she wants to join Rotary and specifically she asked if she could join Bill's club, the Rotary Club of Malibu. She wants to join immediately so

she can have hands on experience with the Rotary projects in Ecuador. Bill has invited Malibu Rotary Club members to meet her at our next meeting, which will be the holiday party at the Executive Center on the Grazedio Campus of Pepperdine University Dec 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Guests at the December 2 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club included **Christina Chun**, from the Santa Monica Rotary Club, who is part of the Rotary district leadership team, and **Chris Toven**, who is vice president of the Malibu Rotary sponsored Pepperdine Rotaract Club. Additionally, **Vickie Blackwood** again visited the Malibu Rotary Club. She told us that there is now earthquake insurance available for all the local zip codes, including Malibu.

### **November 19<sup>th</sup>, Malibu Rotary Club Sponsors SOS Thanksgiving Dinner at Webster School**



The eighth annual SOS Malibu Rotary Sponsored Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless was held at Webster School on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Malibu Rotarians and other volunteers prepared and served the turkey dinner to approximated 125 people. The dinner began at 7:00 p.m. and the food was all gone by 7:20 p.m. A great job was done by volunteers from both SOS, which has a dinner each week, and the Malibu Rotary Club.

### **Major Changes of Malibu Rotary Club Voted on at Board Meeting Nov 11**

The Malibu Rotary Club Board of Directors meeting held at Guido's Restaurant at 12:30 p.m on November 11<sup>th</sup>, was a very significant one. Ten of the 11 regular members of the club attended, and all agreed that it was an It was decided that there would be an increase in participation at each meeting if there were fewer club meetings, and that at least one meeting a month should be a dinner meeting. To that end it was decided that the Malibu Rotary Club would meet at 7:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Fireside Room at Pepperdine University, and have a dinner meeting the third Wednesday of each month at a place to be determined. The question was raised as to whether it is a requirement of Rotary International to have Rotary club meetings scheduled weekly.

Rotary District 5280 Governor Susanne Sundberg was contacted. She in turn contacted Jim Damato, Supervisor Club and District Support Rotary International who stated "per Article 6 of the Standard Rotary Club constitution, Rotary clubs must meet weekly. There is one exception and that is if the club is a current pilot project running through 2013. All other Rotary Clubs must follow the constitution or they are in danger of losing their charter." Based on this revelation it appears the Malibu Rotary Club will continue to meet on Wednesday mornings at the Fireside Room, but since we have no meetings scheduled in December after the meeting of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, except for the Holiday Party meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>, and Pepperdine is closed the first Wednesday in January (Jan 6), our first morning meeting of the new year may be January 13<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is urged to look at Malibu Rotary Club website at [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org) for latest information regarding meetings.

## **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. One of Project TRIUMPH chair people, Frances Fuji, wrote about the status of the program for this year*

“In light of the current economic climate and more challenging environment for securing grant monies, instead of hosting students this year, we are taking the opportunity to strengthen infrastructure in Israel and to establish collaborative relationships with aligned organizations.

Upon our request, Shaul, from the Rotary Club of Haifa, provided us with a budget and proposal to hire a part-time facilitator to be responsible for year-round support of both new Project TRIUMPH students and alumni. We are sending money to contribute to the facilitator’s salary, and she has already begun meeting with the kids there.

We are excited about prospects for 2010 and beyond (the plan is to resume bringing kids over in 2010, assuming that we can raise enough funds in 2009) and believe we will emerge from this fallow year with an even stronger, more well-rounded and promising program than ever before.”