



The Award Winning

Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

December 5 2018

Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu

Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence

Malibu Rotary Club Vice President for November David Baird

Pictures by John Elman

Edited by Dr. John W. Elman

In This Issue (click underlined topics for web link when connected to the Internet)

- Malibu Rotary Club has Joint meeting on Dec 5 with Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club and accepts check for fire recovery relief
- Holiday Dinner Meeting Wednesday Evening 6:30pm Tra di Noi—The Season of Giving
- Malibu Rotary website www.maliburotary.org
 - Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
 - Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/
 - RI President (2018-2019) Barry Rassin
 - Rotary District 5280 Governor (2018-2019) [Joe Vasquez](#)

Malibu Rotary Club has Joint meeting on Dec 5 with Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club and accepts check for fire recovery relief



Picture above shows the presentation of the check from the Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club President Gwen Vuchsas to the Malibu Rotary Club at a joint meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club and Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club at Whiskey Red's restaurant in Marina del Rey on December 5. Bianca had presented major donor Howard Pollack with Malibu board game. In that picture L to R are W. David Baird, John Elman, Teresa LeGrove (Malibu Rotary Pres-Elect), Howard Pollack, Bianca Torrence, Gwen Vuchsas, Margo Neal and Marianne Bema.

Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club had raised over \$11,500 for Malibu Fire Relief using a matching grant from club member Howard Pollack, owner of Rainbow Naturals. The host club also treated the visitors from Malibu to breakfast at the restaurant overlooking the Marina bay. In addition to the money, members of the Venice Sunrise Rotary Club had been collecting clothes and other goods for the homeless fire victims, which was being stored at one of the member's home. Since there was not enough room for these items in the vehicles of the Malibu Rotarians Bianca was to come back for them. With donations from Malibu fire victims from the Venice Sunrise Rotary Club, Greater Van Nuys Rotary Club, the Rotary District and other clubs in the district the Malibu Rotary Club was left with the task of deciding how to best distribute this cash and items to the people in the community who most need them. Following the meeting there was discussion among members via e-mail on how best to do this. This means that part of the Malibu Holiday Dinner scheduled for Wednesday Dec 12 at Tra di Noi will involve ideas on giving, and also a members only club assembly meeting tentatively scheduled for December 19 will continue this discussion and implementation of charitable giving to fire victims.

The entire meeting of the Playa Venice Rotary Club was assisted by a slide presentation similar

to the Rotary District Breakfasts and then the main speakers were brought on, a very interesting program that will affect anyone who visits LAX and the area around it, called the Landside Access Modernization Program. This reporter felt compelled to tell his readers about that (see below).



The Playa Vista Venice Sunrise Rotary Club demonstrated to members of the Malibu Rotary Club why they were voted by the Rotary District to be a Rotary Club of Excellence when they hosted Malibu Rotarians at their Dec 5 meeting. L to R back row John Elman, Teresa LeGrove, Bianca Torrence, Howard Pollack (matched a donation of the Playa Vista Venice Sunrise Rotary Club for Malibu fire victims), Bill Wishard, PlayVista Venice Rotary Club President Gwen Vuchsas, Margo Neal and David Baird, and front row Marianne Bema and Bobbie Casalino-Lewis (Playa Vista Venice Sunrise RC Director of Club Service).

So Cal Wildfire Relief Update from Rotary District Governor Joe Vasquez:

Dear Rotarians,

As evacuation orders are slowly lifted in the burn areas of the wildfires here in Southern California, District 5280 is poised to take action. In this time, when the fires have ravaged so much of our precious homes and land, we need to come together to make this better. That's what Rotary does.

WILDFIRE RELIEF EFFORTS ROTARY CONTACT:

Governor Joe Vasquez has appointed Woodland Hills Rotarian Sheri Polak as our official Rotary contact for wildfire relief efforts. Please contact Sheri for any offer of or request for help. Sheri can be reached at sheripolak@aol.com or 818-635-9139.

DONATION LINK:

We have set up a fund through the District Charitable Foundation that will be joined by other funds. Funds will be directed to where it is needed most. Many of you had trouble with the Donation button. The donation link can be accessed [here](#).

These are difficult times. It is when we Rotarians rise to the occasion and recall our motto, "Service Above Self". As we approach Thanksgiving, let us be thankful and embrace those in need.

-Joe Vasquez
2018-19 District 5280 Governor

Landside Access Modernization Program at LAX



The Playa Vista Venice Sunrise Rotary Club had 2 speakers who were working with companies tasked with the Landside Access Modernization Program(LAMP) which is beginning construction now at LAX and the area around it. The picture above is an artist's rendering of the Automated People Mover as it rides by the iconic Theme Building at LAX.

The Automated People Mover (APM) is a 2.25 mile elevated guideway train system and the centerpiece of the LAX's Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP). The LAMP is designed to revolutionize the traveler experience by providing easy access to the airport and LA Metro's regional transportation system—improving reliability and mobility, while reducing congestion and emissions.

The construction of the APM will begin in 2019 and be fully operational in 2023. The design and construction cost is \$2 billion and it will create more than 2,200 construction jobs. The ride duration is 10 minutes from end to end and its frequency will be every two minutes. It will be free to airport users, including travelers and LAX employees.

The APM will deliver passengers between LAX and new offside parking, car rental and transit facilities. The APM is one component of the larger Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP). The LAMP consists of five major components: the APM, the Consolidated Rent-A-Car (ConRAC) facility, Intermodal Transportation Facility-West (ITF-West), connection to Metro via the future Airport Metro Connector (AMC) Station, and roadway improvements throughout the LAX area.

The **Consolidated Rent-A-Car (ConRAC) Facility** will relocate existing rental car locations currently dispersed around the airport into one convenient facility strategically located next to

the 405 freeway. The ConRac facility will have 17,000 parking stalls.

The Intermodal Transportation Facility-West (ITF-West) will offer short- and long-term parking with 4,700 stalls, concessions and convenient pick-up/drop-off areas to quickly access terminals via the APM.

The APM will only make 6 stop, only 3 of them inside LAX. One stop will service Tom Bradley International Terminal along with Terminals 3 and 4, the second stop will service terminals 1, 2, 5 and 6 and the third stop will service terminals 7 and 8. The fourth stop will be International Transportation Facility West, the fifth stop will be the Airport Metro Connector Station (essentially replacing the Lot C Metro Connector Station) and the 6th stop will be the Consolidated Rent-A-Car Facility next to the 405 freeway.

The APM will have nine trains, each with four cars. Each car will carry up to 50 passengers and their luggage, with a total of 200 per train. Train speed will top out at 47 mph. Trains will be available at each station every two minutes with a total of 10 minutes travel time end-to-end. For easy access, the APM trains will have large, wide doors and each car will have 12 seats designated for travelers in need. The APM will be FREE for all users and operate at all times. Anticipated use will be 30 million passengers per year.

The APM trains, elevators, escalators, and moving sidewalks provide for quick access to the terminals and stations. Passengers will be able to view real-time flight information, public art in a variety of media, and will see the iconic Theme Building from a brand new perspective as the train enters the Central Terminal Area.

In addition to reducing traffic, the APM will leverage cutting-edge sustainability practices to reduce the airport area's carbon footprint. The system's fleet will consist of 44 cars that are fully electric powered, 98% recyclable, and generate a portion of their own power through regenerative braking, while providing an industry-leading ride quality for users. Our command center and maintenance facility generates nearly half of its power from solar energy and is designed to be LEED Gold Certified. These design enhancements allowed the team to offset the carbon equivalent of 12 million vehicle miles driven.

Many travelers have told us LAX is the worst airport they have ever been to. In a few year that may change. Now if we could only do something about TSA.

December Malibu Rotary Club events

On Wednesday evening December 12 the Malibu Rotary Club will hold its annual holiday dinner party at Tra di Noi Restaurant in the Malibu Country Mart. Members should have already RSVP'd to Margo or Bill. Space in the restaurant wine room is limited to 20 people. In addition to the holiday festivities we hope at this time to discuss the responsibility bestowed upon the Malibu Rotary Club of in this season of giving, how the donations given by other Rotary Clubs in our district and beyond can be given to those in our community who are in need because of the recent local disastrous fire.

We have recently added a Rotary Club Assembly meeting to December 19 to further discuss allocation of charitable giving. This meeting should be presided by our president of the month David Baird.

The next Malibu Rotary Club regular Meeting will be 8:00 a.m. January 9, 2018 in room LC 152 on the Pepperdine Drescher Upper Graduate campus. Speaker will be Reese Halter—"Bees, Trees, and Seas—Saving Planet Earth"

Rotary Project in Peru

On July 25 Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence spoke in detail about the Rotary District 5280 Humanitarian Trip to Lima Peru April 3-8. Via e-mail prior to the August 8 meeting Bianca made a formal proposal to the Malibu Rotary Club Board of Directors: Her proposal was that the Malibu Rotary Club commit to be the Lead club for the grant #10 on the Peruvian Rotary Humanitarian District trip **BARRANCA-Smile Project**.

It takes \$5k to be the lead club on the Global Grant project. Bianca pointed out the Malibu Rotary Club already had committed \$2k for the project and she will work on getting the rest so the Malibu Rotary Club will be recognized as lead club in this project.

Malibu Rotary Board approved the funding of the Peruvian **SMILE BARRANCA** project at the August 8 meeting. The **SMILE BARRANCA** was the project that was in most need of funding of the eleven humanitarian projects of the Rotary District 5280 Humanitarian trip in Peru. We are sure Bianca will bring a big smile to the people of Barranca.

Bianca spoke at the Pacific Palisades Rotary Club September 20 and was persuasive enough to have the Palisades Club join the Malibu Rotary Club in sponsoring the Peruvian **SMILE BARRANCA** project.

That project specifically is hosted by Rotary Club of Barranca, District 4465 Serving the marginal urban and rural sectors, and in educational institutions where there are deficiencies in oral health care in Supe Pueblo, Puerto Supe, Pativilca, Paramonga and Barranca. Needs Assessment Oral Health in Peru is a public health problem, so a comprehensive approach is necessary, applying effective measures to promote oral health and prevent the consequences of poor oral health. Poor population, as well as non-poor, presents needs for the treatment of oral diseases. One of the human groups sensitive to such public health problems are minors, including children between the ages of 3 and 6, where the habits of hygiene and oral care are generated and reinforced, which will be sustained during their future development. This need was assessed by visiting the schools and population evaluation by dentists in Barranca. Project Description • Preventive care and education to children who belong to the Non-school Initial Education Program. • Oral health care for beneficiaries of urban and rural sectors. • School and population training in Barranca Area of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment Goals The objective of this project is the promotion of oral health and oral hygiene in marginal urban and rural sectors without health coverage and children from Not Standardized Initial Education Programs.

Bianca said her family has had a charity project in Peru for years she has decided to have her family charity project to contribute an additional \$1000 to that project in behalf of the Malibu Rotary Club, doubling the Malibu Rotary Club contribution from \$1000 to \$2000.

MALIBU ROTARY CLUB 2018-2019
CLUB EXECUTIVES & DIRECTORS

President of Record

Bianca Torrence

Vice-President

Margo Neal

Vice-President

W. David Baird

Vice-President

John W. Elman

President Elect

Teresa Le Grove

Immediate Past President

Bianca Torrence

Treasurer

Joy Arcenas

Assistant Treasurer

Bob Syvertsens

Secretary

John Elman

Club Service

David Baird

Joy Arcenas

Community Service

Bianca Torrence

Mark Koller

Vocational Service

Margo Neal

International Service

Allan Mannheim

Bianca Torrence

Youth Chair

Teresa LeGrove

Rotary Foundation

David Baird

Club Administration

William Wishard

Membership

Carlye Rudkin

Margo Neal

Editor Malibu Rotary Surfwriter

John Elman

Webmaster

John Elman

Assistant Webmaster

Mark Koller

Programs

John Elman

Advertising & Marketing

Mark Koller

Social Media

Bianca Torrence

Teresa LeGrove

Public Relations

Margo Neal

Bianca Torrence

Historian

David Baird

Bob Syverstein

Peace Chair

Carlye Rudkin

Peace-Co-Chair

Alex Ayzin

Fundraiser Co-Chair

Margo Neal and David Zielski

Malibu Rotary Club Rotating Presidents for 2018-2019

July 2018	W. David Baird
August 2018	Margo Neal
September 2018	Margo Neal
October 2018	Margo Neal
November 2018	Margo Neal
December 2018	W. David Baird
January 2019	W. David Baird
February 2019	Bianca Torrence
March 2019	John W Elman
April 2019	John W Elman
	John W Elman
May 2019	Teresa LeGrove Cherkas
June 2019	Bianca Torrence
	Bianca Torrence

CALENDAR

December 12 Malibu Rotary Club Holiday Dinner at Tra di Noi

December 19, 2018 Malibu Rotary Club Assembly presided by David Baird to discuss allocations of charitable giving and plans for 2019

December 26 2018 No Meeting—Happy Holidays

January 09, 2019 --Reese Halter Bees, Trees & Seas Saving the Earth

Reese Halter an award-winning broadcaster, distinguished conservation biologist and author of ten books. John Grace of Westlake Village Sunrise Rotary saw her presentation: Bees, Trees & Seas at The Westlaker's Club in October (2016). He invited her to speak at the Westlake Village Sunrise Rotary Club in December (2016). The president, Don Martin, awarded her an Outstanding Service Award for her community outreach work in conservation.

January 16, 2019 Peter Lattey - Global Grant WASH in Schools project

Peter Lattey is Past President of Rotary Club of Downtown Los Angeles and currently its International Service Chair and chair of the club's participation in LA 5's Global Grant WASH in Schools project in Kenya. He just returned from Kenya, where he has been working on the project.

Here is a link to a video that he made that gives an idea of what the project means to the children there.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ad54H49MsZU

Peter will be at the Malibu Rotary club January 16 for its morning meeting in LC 152 at the Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate campus in Malibu at 8:00 a.m. to show and tell us about this worthwhile project

January 23, 2019 Malibu Rotary Club meeting in Room LC in LC 152 at the Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate campus in Malibu at 8:00 a.m Emmett Finch, The Malibu Poet

Emmett Finch, "The Malibu Poet," is a war veteran, sailor and seafarer, private pilot, adventurer, retired firefighter, yachtsman, traveler, naturalist, poet and writer. Emmett has lived an unusual life-which set the stage and background for his unpretentious style of writing. He attributes much of his inspiration to the good fortune of living in Malibu by the Sea and writing his Poetry for over half a Century.

January 30 2018 Richard Gibbs Armory for Harmony

February 6 2018 Hans Laetz KBU

Malibu Radio station operator Hans Laetz will talk about the services of station and receive donation from Malibu Rotary Club