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Rep. Henry A Waxman to Speak at Special Malibu Rotary Club Meeting on Friday, February 19th.



Congressman Henry A Waxman of the 30th District in California, will speak at a special meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club held on Friday, February 19th at 8:30 a.m. in the Grazadio Executive Center of Pepperdine University in Malibu.

Rep. Waxman is the Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and has served in congress since 1974. He has been a major proponent of healthcare reform. His district includes Malibu, Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, West Los Angeles, West Hollywood, and Beverly Hills. The cost is \$30. Part of the cost will go to victims in Haiti. You must rsvp to attend. No walk-ins. Please call Holmes Osborne at 310-442-9931 or email at holmesosborne@holmesosborne.com. Rotarians can sign up on line clicking the event link on the

[CALENDAR](#) of the MalibuRotary.org website. There is a special discount price for Malibu Rotarians.

Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting— Club Assembly Elects Chris Bauman President-Elect and Plans Future Events

The Malibu Rotary Club meeting of February 10th was a club assembly at which several things were discussed. At the meeting the members unanimously voted to elect Chris Bauman as President-Elect. Chris, who just received his MBA from Pepperdine University, works in Pepperdine University budget office has been President of the Malibu Rotary Club twice before, the first time making him the youngest president in Malibu Rotary history. His wife Leslie also works at Pepperdine, but is about to give up that position to devote fulltime to completing her Ph.D. Chris was reluctant to accept his nomination because the Baumans will have to give up their Pepperdine housing if Leslie is no longer working for the University. Chris will be going to Rotary PETS on behalf of the club the weekend of February 19th.

Malibu Rotary Club will have two meetings next week. The next Malibu Rotary Club meeting will Wednesday February 17, 2010 7:30 a.m. at the Pepperdine Fireside Room. Featured speaker will be **Sam Rad**, who will talk about "Dealing With Your Personal Finances in Today's Economy". Two days later, on February 19th, there will be another Malibu Rotary Club meeting at a special time and special place, when Malibu Rotary Club will host **Rep Henry Waxman** at the Pepperdine Executive Center for a 8:30 a.m. breakfast. Remember that reservations must be made for the Waxman event (see story above).

Guests and Other News from Last Malibu Rotary Meeting

Geoff Ortiz announced that a Malibu Rotary-Pepperdine Rotarat Adopt A Highway cleanup day has been officially scheduled for Saturday, March 13.

Bill Wishard recommended everyone look at the February 15, 2010 issue of *Time* magazine. It features several projects and people having to do with Rotary International including the "Shelter Box," and its usefulness in helping the homeless of Haiti.

Only guest at the February 10th Malibu Rotary meeting was yacht broker and Malibu City Council candidate **Ed Gillespie**. Last week we wrote the Ed was going to be inducted as a Rotarian at this meeting, but Ed deferred that until later. After the meeting was off to Whistler to the Winter Olympics for 2 weeks. Like **Margo Neal**, who is in Whistler for a month, Ed has a place in Whistler.

Bob Syvertsen took a handful of the printed Malibu Rotary Club New Member Brochures home with him to make some critical changes in some of the text. The brochures had the club's old dues structure printed. As Bob noted, the dues structure changed recently due to the extra cost that Pepperdine University is charging for the use of the Fireside Room, plus other escalating costs. Dues are now \$700.00 per year and meals are \$10.00, of which half is put on quarterly dues. This still makes Malibu Rotary Club one of the best bargains in the district, especially when one considers the beautiful Pepperdine venue.

Another matter that Bob discussed, both at the meeting and in follow-up emails after, had to do with Malibu Rotary Club Charities Trust Account. Bob wanted to get younger member's names on the account, especially those dealing in finance like President Elect Chris Bauman. Chris is following up with Crowell Weedon to get his name on the statements we receive. The paperwork was sent to them last year.

Holmes has suggested we sell the shares of VanKampen Emerging Market Funds. It is now at about \$6,000 and we could use it to pay for the bench for the Legacy Park that was authorized while Bow was still with us. Although this investment had declined in value prior to 2009 when the Malibu Rotary Club finance committee last met Bob pointed out the investment has appreciated 74% since then.



Malibu Rotary Club to Support BioSand Filters in Ecuador

Malibu Rotary Club voted to send \$500 to the Rotary Club of Pontiac Michigan to help build and install BioSand Filters in Santo Domingo De Los Colorados, Ecuador. As was noted by Carol Cousineau, who, along with husband Ron brought the project to our attention, after installing the first BioSand filters in Ecuador (and pictured left), "That money would be matched by the next District Grant, which we have been assured we will get. So, for instance \$500.00 would become \$750.00. The filters and two 5 gallon safe water containers per unit, cost around \$60.00 each, so a donation of \$500.00 would provide 12 families of five or more with 20 gallons of water each day - enough for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, bathing and washing clothes! The filters are expected to last at

least 50 years without the need to add any expense except chlorine - available and inexpensive. That means each family will have more money to provide more nutritious food for their families, since they don't have to pay for propane to boil their water. It will mean more time to spend with

their children, rather than boiling or foraging for firewood. With great improvement in the health of all the family members, fewer cases of diarrhea and stomach flu from bad water and parasites, the parents will better be able to hold down a job and provide for their families, children will be able to attend school more days and have a better future.

We are excited about this project because we anticipate that this is just the beginning. All over Ecuador, there are families struggling to survive, with a high infant mortality rate, because of bad water. This successful project will be a shining example and model. Rotary is the perfect vehicle for getting the word out about BioSand and accomplishing the goal of providing safe drinking water for the world. **BioSand** is one of the four methods of purifying water recommended for Third World Countries by the World Health Organization. (We have researched the others. Since they provide only a small amount of water for drinking, are small and ceramic, so more susceptible to breakage or deterioration, or adding so much chlorine that the people won't drink it, the concrete BioSand is by far the best choice for all but mountainous areas, where a more expensive plastic version of BioSand is an alternative.)”

Guests and Other News from Last Malibu Rotary Meeting

Guest at the February 3 Malibu Rotary Club was **Ed Gillespie**, long time Malibu Planning Commissioner, who was introduced by Jack Corrodi, and who will be initiated into the club as a member at the next meeting with classification Yacht Broker

Geoff Ortiz announced that a date of March 13 has been set for the next Malibu Rotary Club—Pepperdine Rotaract Adopt A Highway Cleanup. Details will and signups will be on the Malibu Rotary Club website maliburotary.org EVENT CALENDAR. Geoff also announced that the Malibu Stage Repertory Presents **THREE TALL WOMEN**, opening February 12, and running through March 7, 2010 at Malibu Stage Company. For more information **visit website at MalibuStageCompany.org**



***Project TRIUMPH** (Today's Revolution Is Understanding; Make Peace Happen) is a grassroots effort to bring Arab and Jewish teenagers together in the spirit of collaboration to build a shared vision for a peaceful future. The program was conceived by Ilan Magdali of the Newbury Park Rotary Club. It 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 Middle East, but at least this program is trying to do something. Initially sponsorship of this program had been mostly from the Newbury Park Rotary Club and Rotary Clubs in District 5240 and private and corporate donors. Malibu Rotary Club was the first Rotary Club in Rotary District 5280 to support the project. Pictured above are the students who were hosted in 2008 as they visited Malibu on their way to the camp. Today the program no longer is bringing the students to the US. It concentrates it's efforts on the students in Israel. It is a non-profit organization with Leon Berg, as its CEO On March 17 , 2010, Leon Berg and Shoshana Brower will be featured speakers at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting and will update us on this project.*

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website www.maliburotary.org for latest Calendar and future speakers.