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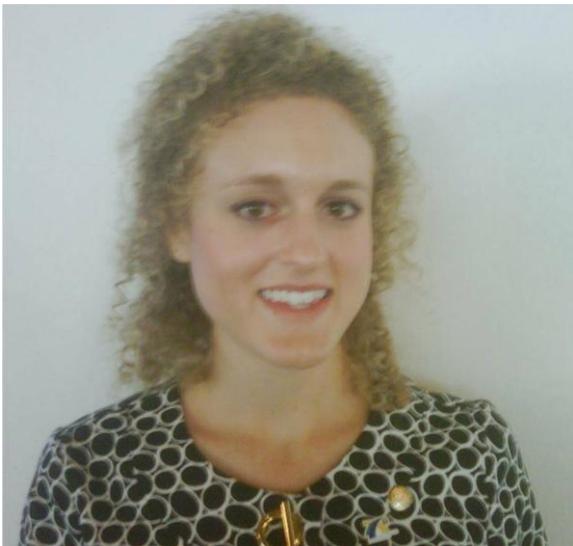
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- **Malibu Rotary Club Website: [www.MalibuRotary.org](http://www.MalibuRotary.org)**

- Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)
- Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280la.org](http://www.rotary5280la.org)
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- Rotary District 5280 Governor (2010-20 11): Doug Baker

### **Luci Prosapio, 2011 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar From Pepperdine to Port Elizabeth, South Africa**



**Luci Prosapio** is a Pepperdine University senior History and International Studies student who was chosen by Rotary District 5580 to be the beneficiary of a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to work on a Masters in Development Studies at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Notice we said she is being sponsored by District 5580, not District 5280, which is the district the Malibu Rotary Club is in. Malibu Rotary Club and District 5280 sponsored Pepperdine student **Amy Joehlin-Price** to study public health at the Malawi College of Medicine in southeast Africa in

2007. Amy is now at Ohio State Medical School.

Pepperdine Dean-Emeritus and History Professor David Baird is a long time Rotarian and has encouraged qualified Pepperdine undergraduates to apply for these elite Rotary Ambassadorial scholarships. Because Rotary districts tend to limit the number of scholarships issued to a single Rotary club in a district, and it is unlikely that the Malibu Rotary Club’s candidate would be chosen, David recommends that the students apply for sponsorship from their hometown club. Using this technique Pepperdine can boast having six Rotary Ambassadorial scholars in the past six years—one sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club and the other five sponsored by the Rotary clubs in the students hometown. For Luci it meant a hectic summer and beginning of the school year. She grew up Little Falls, Minnesota, a town of 7,000 near the source of the Mississippi River and managed to have the Rotary Club of Little Falls sponsor her as an Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar after going through an application and interview process in Little Falls. Then she had to fly back and forth to Duluth, Minnesota, where office District 5580 is located, to be interviewed by the scholarship committee that district. It could have been worse, District 5580 is an international district which consisting of northwestern Ontario in Canada, northern Minnesota and North Dakota. She might have had to go Canada for her district interview.

In her PowerPoint presentation Luci showed some of the facts she had learned about the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program:

- Who: Approximately 500 men and women from 70 countries
- What: One year of study, community involvement, and ambassadorial work to respect and improve the lives of others
- Where: In over 64 countries around the world
- When: Every year since 1947
- Why: To support the Rotary's mission of international understanding and goodwill; to create and foster lifelong associations with Rotary Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, necessary educational supplies, and language training (if necessary) up to a maximum award of US \$23,000 or its equivalent.

Luci told some the history of her Ambassadorial Scholarship destination, South Africa. It has had European involvement since 1652 – It was a Dutch spice route stopping point. Coal, gold, and diamond mining increased foreign immigration. In 1948 the National Party established Apartheid. In 1994 there was peaceful transition to majority rule. The country is still dealing with imbalances and devastation from 60 years of Apartheid. The government of South Africa is a republic under current president Jacob Zuma with Tri-partite government. Approximately 50 millions citizen and there are 11 official languages spoken. South Africa has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest HIV/AIDS of all nations in the world. The literacy (ages 15+) of 86.4% may not seem too bad, but most developed countries of the world have a literacy rate of 98 or 99%.

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, where Luci will be studying, was created in 2005 as a combination of three previous universities: University of Port Elizabeth, Port Elizabeth Technikon, and Vista University. It has over 3,000 International Students and is located on a wildlife nature preserve. It is the largest university on the continent of Africa. Port Elizabeth was where most of the 2010 FIFA World Cup soccer games were played.

Luci's Postgraduate Study in getting a Masters in Development Studies will involve analytical learning as well as first hand experience in a developing nation and Development and Peace, Organizational Transformation, and Development Economics.

In the community Luci has an idea of creating a Theatre Project. This project will address literacy and community development issues and she hopes to Develop and Produce the play over the course of her scholarship year and hopefully leave it as an on-going project for the community.

Her Goals in the Theatre Project are many: She hopes it will help youth with literacy development through a fun activity, help them learn English; provide information about US and western culture in meetings and performance; foster community and friendship that transcends socio-economic barriers; involve the greater community in development and production; and provide an event for the entire community to unite and enjoy.

Luci still has some logistics to take care of before she leaves. She needs an Application to NMMU and Student Visa, make arrangements for traveling, lodging, vaccinations and she still has not met her nor does she even know her host Rotary club.

Her plan is to make an online journal to document her experiences, with photos, video, daily/weekly entries as way to communicate with family, friends, and clubs back in the United States. We hope to put a link of that on the Malibu Rotary Club website.

During her visit to the Malibu Rotary Club people in attendance had suggestions and help for her. **Geoff Ortiz** was going to put her in touch with theater people to suggest the community play she might due. **Linton Morgan**, said his Rotary Club had a relationship with one in South Africa and said might even meeting Nelson Mandela.

### **Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**

Malibu Rotary Club President **Chris Bauman** said an employee of Pepperdine gave him a check made out to the Rotary Foundation for the Polio Plus program after reading about it. Chris was about to give the check to Rotary District Assistant Governor **Linton Morgan** to present to the district on behalf of the Malibu Rotary Club but Malibu Rotary Club President Elect **Kevin Boling** said he wanted to present the check and have a photo op and so we complied. Linton said that the Rotary Polio Plus effort only needs \$40 million to get the \$355 million matching grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the worldwide eradication of Polio.



Kevin had several announcements to make. He said that he had gone to the meeting of the Rotary Club of Rio Hondo-Vernon last week, which is very close to where his office is. He said they had a door prize for the visiting Rotarian who had come the furthest, and he got it because he was a member of the Malibu Rotary Club. He tried to tell them he just came a short distance, but decided to keep the prize anyway. He said the guest speaker was jockey Laffit Pincay, an amazing athlete. According to his autobiographical book *Laffit: Anatomy of a Winner* Laffit “withstood three fractured ankles, two broken wrists, three broken thumbs, thirteen broken collar bones, cracked most of his ribs, had two spinal fractures and two punctured lungs, compressed numerous vertebra, and finally--in a tragic end, broke his neck while riding in his 9,530th race at age 56...”. The visit of the jockey was to kick off one of the Rio Hondo-Vernon Rotary Club’s main fund raiser of the year “A Day at the Races.” The event is at Santa Anita Park, “Top of the Stretch” on Saturday, March 26, 2011. The cost is \$40 per adult and \$5 for children. The donation includes admission, parking and lunch. If any other Rotary Club does not have a fundraiser and would like to partner up with us, call Paul Rivera at (562) 972-1384. Why we

should be interested in this, according to Kevin, is that the Rio Hondo-Vernon Rotary Club is willing to split the fund raising potential of this event with other Rotary clubs. For each \$40 ticket bought, they will give the buyer's club a donation of \$15.00. Kevin also talked about a non-profit organization that his son is involved with, which is making people aware of the plastic patch in the ocean. There is a place in the ocean where plastic bags seem to go because of currents. The organization is involved with making people aware of this and encouraged recycling, not using the plastic bags (which have been banned from use in stores in Malibu). And lastly, Kevin wanted everyone to be aware of the April 30<sup>th</sup> event of the Riverside YWCA "Men Who Cook" which always enters and plans to win.

**Geoff Ortiz** has been communicating with Malibu High School principal **Mark Kelly**, as well as **Ah Young Chi**, Malibu High School College and Career Counselor, about the 4 students Malibu Rotary Club would like to sponsor to go to the RYLA camp on Catalina. Usually Malibu Rotary sponsors 2 students, but this year, with help of district, we would like to sponsor 4 students. Ah Young Chi recommended 2 juniors and 2 sophomores, and in e-mails this week Geoff recommended that we accept those students recommended by the school counselor, along with alternates, in case any of those 4 cannot go

## **Guests**

Guests at the meeting included **Maggie Luckerath**, as well as Maggie's husband, **Hubert**, sculptress **Danielle Anjou** and Assistant Rotary District Governor **Linton Morgan**, who always contributes helpful suggestions and takes pictures when he attends the Malibu Rotary Club meetings. Linton, who is a Pepperdine graduate, was going to leave following the meeting to visit Rotary District 5280 projects in Dominican Republic. Maggie announced a gala St. Patrick's Day Multimedia Celebration Thursday March 17, 8 pm at UCLA Royce Hall. Malibu resident Irish-born Conductor/Host Eimear Noone, is dedicating this event in memory of Padaic Noone. The beautiful young conductor has written and conducted many movie scores, when she isn't conducting for the LA Ballet Orchestra, or teaching conducting at UCLA. For tickets info: <http://www.thisisireland.org>.

## **Malibu Rotary Club Supports 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 become \$750.00."

Malibu Rotary Club President Chris Bauman signed papers in November, 2010 for the Bio Sand Filters Michigan Rotary District Simplified Grant.

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.)”

For a while it looked like the matching grant process was not going to happen. When Malibu Rotarian Bill Wishard visited Ecuador in March, 2010, he was able to meet with Ecuador Past District 4400 Governor, Juan Prinz, to get project back on track

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org) for latest Calendar and future speakers

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### **Malibu Rotary Club Speakers (all meetings at 7:30 a.m in the Pepperdine University Fireside Room)**

Feb 23 2011, **Rhiannon Bailard**, Asst VP, Gov Affairs, Pepperdine: Pepperdine Campus Life Project

Mar 9 2011, **Jonathan Friedman**, [malibu.patch.com](http://malibu.patch.com)

