

Award Winning

Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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- Check Calendar on Malibu Rotary website MalibuRotary.org

• Malibu Rotary Club Website: www.MalibuRotary.org

Rotary International Website: <u>www.Rotary.org</u>

Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280la.org

Rotary District 5280 "Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians" Website: <u>http://yp5280.org/</u>

RI President (2009-2010) John Kenny

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

• Carolyn Wallace on Being Counted in the 2010 Census



Malibu Rotary Club was back in the still being renovated Pepperdine Fireside Room to greet featured speaker Carolyn Wallace. Carolyn is an attorney and a longtime resident of Malibu and Margo Neal recounted how Carolyn offered Margo space in her office when Margo's home and home office was destroyed in the Las Flores fire (that also claimed the homes of Fred Cornet and Malibu Times publisher former Malibu Rotary Club President Karen York, among the 435 houses lost).

Carolyn was here to tell us about the logistics and opportunities for people in the community concerning the United States 1010 Census. Carolyn worked for the US Census Bureau in collecting data for the 2000 Census and demonstrated her experience and knowledge about the subject.

The U.S. Census Bureau was mandated by the U.S. Constitution in 1790. The object is to count everyone living in the USA, including not only US citizens (including prisoners and homeless), but foreign aliens as well.

The official date of the census is April 1, 2010. But much of the work has to be done before that, especially during the month of March. All residential addresses in the US will be sent a questionnaire which contains 10 questions to be filled out by or for each person living at each address. The questions as the name, sex, age, race, household relationship (spouse, child, boarder-renter), citizenship.

The personal information gathered is not shared with any other governmental agency. Illegal immigrants should not have to worry about being turned over to immigration authorities by information gathered.

If people do not respond to the mailed questionnaire by April 1 then A census taker must follow-up in person with every address that doesn't mail back the form in order to obtain the responses. So who are these "Census Takers." They are your neighbors who decided to take this short time job. US Census Bureau tries to recruit people from within the community to knock on the doors of non-respondents. There are lot of reasons to recruit within each neighborhood to take the census within the neighborhood. They are the most likely to know who is living in the neighborhood, as well as the dangers of walking in the neighborhood.

Typically the census takers canvass the neighborhood in the evening and weekends when people are home. Commercial property, unless mixed use, is not sent questionnaires. There are special professional census takers that go to group to group living sites (prisons, convalescent homes, et al).

Among the temporary positions to be filled (and their pay) are Office Clerk (\$12.75/hr), Recruiting Assistant (\$18.50/hr), Crew Leader (\$18.50), Crew Leader Assistant \$17.00/hr, Enumerator/Lister (\$17.00/hr).

For more information on the 2010 Census see the special website set up for this purpose at <u>http://2010.census.gov</u>. For information of the available jobs go to <u>www.2010censusjobs.gov</u> or call 1-866-861-2010.

Guests and Other News from Last Malibu Rotary Meeting

Presiding over the Malibu Rotary Club Jan 20th was **Bill Wishard.** He had much information about 2 Rotary events the previous week that he had attended.

On the previous Tuesday he had attended the Rotary District 5280 Breakfast featured keynote speaker Marion Bunch, founder of "Rotarians for Fighting AIDS". A decade after losing her son to AIDS, she started RFFA to educate at-risk children about making good choices. RFFA recenty joined the Partnership for an HIV-Free Generation, a US government-coordinated coalition working to stem the spread of AIDS amoung young people in sub-Saharan Africa. After polio is eradicated by Rotary, eradication of AID will be the next big push.

The other big event that week was the appearance of Rotary International President John Kenny at the Los Angeles Bonaventure Hotel. Malibu Rotary Club was responsible for 5 people attending that event. In addition to Bill and Malibu Rotary Club President Holmes Osborne, Bill was responsible for three others. At our last Malibu Rotary Club we said we would sponsor two students from the Pepperdine Rotaract Club to attend the event. Pepperdine Rotaract President Maurice Collins and Pepperdine Rotaract Vice President Rachel Williams were the two chosen, but they had classes scheduled at that time. Fortunately the class was that of Malibu Rotary Honoary Rotarian and Rotaract sponsor Connie James who excused the two from her class to attend this special event. The person It turns out the two students drove Bill's car to the Rotary event while Bill went with the other person had had invited to the event, Linda Pascotto, who is President of the Prem Rawat Foundation.

Based in Malibu, the Prem Rawat Foundation has many of the same goals as Rotary International. Prem Rawat Foundation has developed a model program called Food for People that serves nutritious daily meals year-round at clean, modern, permanent facilities in Bantoli, India, and in Dhading District, Nepal. Focusing on providing the essential aid of food, water, eye care, and disaster relief, the Foundation also partners with reputable nonprofit organizations such as Friends of the World Food Program, Oxfam, Action Against Hunger, or the Red Cross, to bring food, water, and disaster relief rapidly to where it is most needed. Bill thought it would be good to introduce the President of Prem Rawat Foundation to the President of Rotary International, and Bill, being the facilitator he is, did just that, as you can see in the picture below.

At the Bonaventure the crowd of more than 500 people enjoyed a Scottish-themed lunch with bagpipers, drummers, the induction of 29 new Rotary members, a formal introduction of the five candidates for District Governor, a hilarious Ode to Haggis procession through the audience and a rousing speech by President Kenny. Kenny gave information about Rotary's rapid deployment to the earthquake crisis in Haiti.



Pictured above Linda Pascotto, President of Prem Rawat Foundation; John Kenny, RI President (2009-10), Bill Wishard, Malibu Rotary Club Past President

There were a couple of other matters of business that were accomplished at the last Malibu Rotary Club meeting. As the club traditionally does, we voted to give two \$500 scholarships to graduating students at Malibu High School based on letter received by **Chris Bauman** and we will again sponsor two students selected by the Malibu Boys and Girls Club to attend the RYLA camp in the Big Bear Mountains in April. **Geoff Ortiz** will coordinate with Boys and Girls Club and request that students who are recipients of the RYLA camp selection come to Malibu Rotary Club meeting to talk about their experience.

Margo Neal will not be in Malibu during all of February while she takes on her job of writing a daily newsletter for the 5,000 volunteers at Whistler during the 2010 Winter Olympics.



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

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