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Josh Voorhees Explains How Rotary Has Continued to Affect His Life

Josh Voorhees was able to get a partial scholarship to attend Pepperdine University from



the Rotary Club in his hometown in Warren, New Jersey. This was only the latest of several ways the Pepperdine freshman has been affected by Rotary in his life.

It started in Josh's 1st grade close in Warren, New Jersey. As a life science project the young students were given a chance to raise 20 chicks from eggs. They learned how to care for the chicks, what it takes for life survival, and certain skills that remained with Josh. What Josh also learned was that the science project by

sponsored by the local Rotary club.

As Josh grew up in Warren, New Jersey, a city located 30 minutes from New York City, he made connections with Rotary multiple. He notes that the Rotary website says that Rotary is

made up of 1.2 million people who make a lasting and positive change through service. Service brings people together.

Josh said he was a fat kid, and because of that they made him a soccer goalie—someone to take up space. He realized he was providing a service as goalie. But he has always enjoyed providing service. Josh says service fills the heart.

In high school Josh joined the Rotary Sponsored Interact Club. It provided various service projects around Warren—cleaning parks, working in food banks. Josh also participated in service with his church. He was able to also participate in a service project in Tijuana, Mexico, where houses were built for homeless. All this made Josh thankful for what he had.

Besides Josh's involvement with Interact Josh was also took part in high school student government, where he was responsible for doing such things as organizing the prom. When he was a senior in high school, and through his connection with the Rotary sponsorship of the Interact club, he learned about a local Rotary District Scholarship Grant. To qualify for the scholarship Josh had write an essay answering the question "Who is the biggest influence in your life and why?"

Josh answer to that prompt was his grandfather. His grandfather had a green house where Josh worked. Josh said his grandfather taught him many things, about life, about ecology, about running a business.

When it came to pick a college Pepperdine was an easy choice for Josh. The campus was as beautiful as its pictures, and the fact that Pepperdine has a Volunteers Service Office, and emphasizes community service, fit well into Josh's philosophy. Josh also joined Psi Upsilon fraternity, which emphasizes leadership and community service, and which has had the most successful fundraisers on campus raising money for the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation.

Next semester Josh will spend part of the year at the Pepperdine campus in Buenos Aires and part on the campus in Washington, DC.

The Malibu Rotarians were very impressed by Josh and hope that he may help reactivate the Pepperdine Rotaract Club.

Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Malibu Rotary Club President Margo Neal called on Bob Syvertsen for a Rotary Minute—something about Rotary history. In this case Bob reviewed the history of Malibu Rotary Club meeting places, since the club was founded in 1971. Here is Bob's summary of times and places of Malibu Rotary Club meeting places:

1971 Chart House PCH near Topanga Luncheon Now called Maetro Ocean Club
 1973 Ted's Rancho Luncheon This is now a parking lot across from Getty Villa
 Later Bel Air Bay Club Luncheon Upper club
 Later Sea Lion for Dinner This is now Duke's
 Later Sea Lion Luncheon
 Later Gladsones (PCH & Sunset) This is the only restaurant we didn't close
 1985 Pepperdine Fireside Room for Breakfast
 2013 Pepperdine Graduate School Noon meeting (lunch optional)

- By the way we will be back in Fireside Room for the Malibu Rotary Club meeting March 11, 2015. This noon meeting, which will feature Pepperdine Registrar Hung Le who will talk about his experience having to leave his family in worn torn Vietnam at age 11, will not only be a Rotary meeting but a Pepperdine University convocation. As such it is anticipated that 40 to 100 students may attend. **Shannon Latson** had recommended that we do something special for the students, and at our February 11 meeting it was decided that Malibu Rotary Club bring cookies for desert—students can bring lunches from the cafeteria which is next to the Fireside Room.

Margo again talked about the Rotary District “3-2-1- Go To End Polio” Day at Griffith Park on March 21. It is a 5 K / 10 K Run or Walk and Family Festival with the Start and Finish Line at Griffith Park at Chrystal Springs. The 10 K Run starts at 9:00 a.m and 5 K walk at 10:00 a.m., which is also when the Family Fun Festival Starts—there is also a 1 mile fun walk and lunch by IN-N-Out Burger starting at 11:30 a.m..and a raffle. All proceeds will go to END POLIO NOW, a humanitarian program of Rotary International to eradicate polio worldwide. Register on line at www.321gotoendpolio.com.

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Guests at the last Malibu Rotary Club

Guests at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting Feb 18 included **Tiffany Venalde** of AssistedHomeLiving.com. as well as **Chris Bashaw** of the Malibu Surfside News.

Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher

Clean drinking water is a problem affecting millions of people around the world. A Malibu company, RainCatcher, is trying to solve the problem in an efficient manner. Much of their work has been in Africa. The Malibu Rotary Club along with the Rotary Clubs of Beverly Hills, CA USA and the Rotary

Club of Entebbe, Uganda has applied for a Rotary Foundation Grant to assist Raincatcher. There are several videos available on You Tube that show the amazing things Raincatcher is doing bringing clean drinking water to places in Uganda and Kenya where there was previously no clean drinking water.

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher, makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to do Raincatcher installations and maintenance. In February The latest video showing what David and the Raincatcher people are doing in Africa was shown at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on August 20. A link to the video is now on the Maliburotary.org website. The direct link to the video is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59rzOcM-RL0&list=UUFetq8NgjhXhtkVf0idcQUg>

Calendar (for details on these programs see maliburotary.org)

Sade Obanwo Feb 25, 2015

Science Care whole body donor program

Sade Obanwo is Manager of Community Relations for Science Care.

The Science Care whole body donor program links those that wish to leave a lasting legacy through medical research with the researchers and educators that need human tissue to do their important work. Each donor not only gives of him or herself but gives hope to future generations. Hope for new disease treatment options, better patient outcomes and advanced surgical procedures to improve the future for all of us.

March 4, 2015

Malibu Rotary Club President Elect **David Zielski** will talk about his experience at PETS 2015 – and give a Preview of the 2015-2016 Rotary year

Mar 11, 2015

Hung Le

In God's Perfect Time (meeting in Fireside Room, Pepperdine main campus)

Hung Le is Pepperdine University's Registrar. Separated from his family at the age of 11, Hung recounts the stories of his coming to America as a refugee from war-torn Vietnam, without his family, and finding the power of God's faithfulness through trials and triumphs.

This is the 4th in Malibu Rotary Club's Exclusive Series of Consequences of Vietnam War.

March 18 2015 – Report by Margo on Rotary District Humanitarian Trip to Guatemala

In Room LC 152 of Pepperdine University Drescher Campus **Malibu Rotary Club President Mago Neal** talks about her recent trip with 84 Rotarians and friends as they went on Humanitarian trip to Guatemala. The itinerary was changed a bit when a volcano erupted near their hotel. Fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at Noon.