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## ***Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter***

**February 20 2019**

**Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu**

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## **Cerin Laplante talks about the Malibu Sharks Surf Team**



**Cerin Laplante, Manager of the Malibu Sharks Surf Team, was the featured speaker at the February 20 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club, explaining the goals, accomplishments and needs of this Malibu based youth group.**

## Malibu Sharks Surf Team



**The Malibu Sharks Surf Team is an organized team of students in grades 5 through 12 at Malibu Middle School and Malibu High School who have been motivated to get up early and practice for surfing competition twice per week on school mornings**

The team uses the Malibu Middle School and High School mascot and logo, but it is not sponsored by the school. Organizational and coaching support comes from 3 adults, team manager Cerin Laplante, high school coach Dale Rhodes and middle school coach John Cross. They all volunteer their time. The high school teams practice at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and the middle school practices on Thursday at 6:15 a.m. Financial support comes from parents and outside sponsors such as the Malibu Rotary Club. The team is made up of boys and girls and competitions use both short boards and long boards, although most of the surfers have and compete on the short boards. The team has only one 9 foot long board that it shares with members for competition. The Western Surfing Association (WSA) on August 12, 2010 announced the addition of a new scholastic competition series for middle and high school surf teams. The new series, dubbed the Scholastic Surf Series (SSS), provides a professionally managed and operated platform for school surf teams from San Diego to Santa Barbara. It also provides insurance for the teams. The Malibu Sharks Surf Teams compete in the SSS surfing competition and the results of contests are posted on <https://surfsss.org/ratings-2018-19/>

The Malibu Sharks Surf Team website at <http://www.mhsurf.com/> notes:

*Surfing with the team is a great way to build team spirit, comradeship and to share your skills and knowledge with others! We will hold practice regardless of the surf. Scott and Dale will be bringing other athletic workouts to do associated with making you all better surfers!*

***WE ARE HERE TO HAVE FUN!***

*ISPE credits will only be honored when students show up to practice*

*Excellent attendance will look great on college applications*

*Keep you athletic and fit ready for any waves, as many times contests are held even when waves are small*

The Malibu Sharks Surf Team has been in existence for about 10 years. It has grown so much in the last year or so that the middle school team isn't just one team—it's 3 teams. The most recent months have been tough on the Malibu Sharks Surf Team. Of the 76 youthful surfers on the team 12 lost their homes and all their surf gear in the November Woolsey Fire that destroyed much of Malibu.

Membership in the Malibu Waves Surf Team costs \$700.00 per student. This covers insurance, t-shirts, competition fees, and equipment needed to compete. Cerin insists that there is a Lifeguard available at all practices and meets.

Several events and sponsors have helped with equipment and financial support. Ted Silverberg has helped with donations and so have Becker Surfboards, Katin Surf Company, Dukes, the Boys and Girls Club of Malibu and of course Malibu Rotary Club.

Parents and sponsors of the Malibu Sharks Surf Team has been a principal beneficiary of the annual Malibu Rotary Club Halloween Fund Raiser and the Fund Raiser has been successful in large part because parents and friends of the Malibu Sharks Surf Team who have participated in the fund raiser.

Besides the scholarships that Malibu Sharks Surf Team provides to needy students another need that Cerin talked about was the need for a Team tent. She said all the teams have them, but they need to be especially rugged to withstand the winds encountered at the beach.

We discussed sponsorship of Malibu Sharks Surf Team t-shirts, sweatshirts and tent with Malibu logo.

Teresa LeGrove would follow-up with Cerin on this and there was great interest in participating in t-shirts especially, because these were among the items lost by surf team members during the fire.

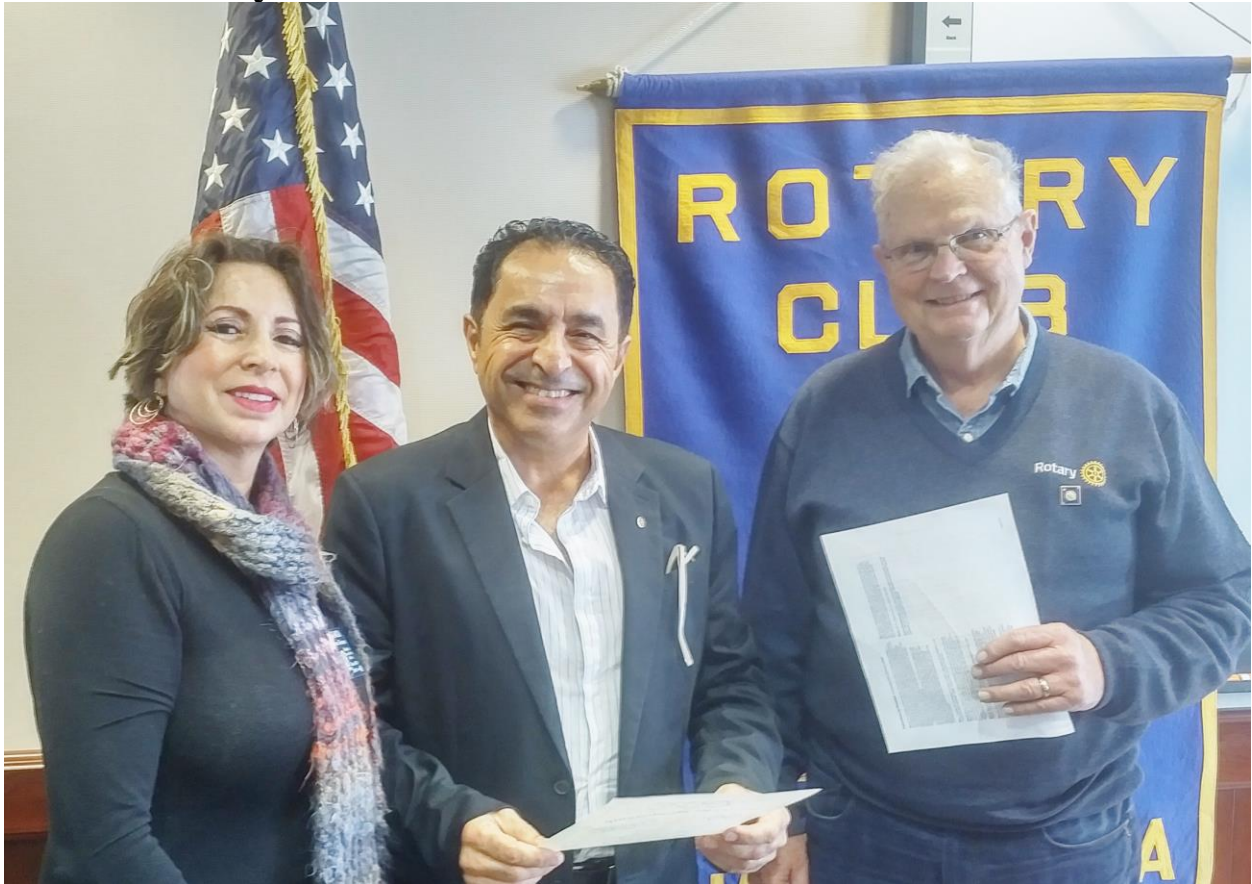


**Malibu Rotarians and guests at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting February 20**



**Left to right new member Merhdad Sahafi, Carlye Rudkin, guest MJ Ni. ilknur Tekin, John W Elman, Margo Neal, guest speaker Cerin Laplante, Teresa LeGrove, Nagy Heinen, and Bianca Torrence**

## **Malibu Rotary Inducts Merhdad Sahafi as newest member**



**Malibu Architect and builder Mekrdad Sahafi was inducted as Malibu Rotary club's newest member by Tom Bos (R), our visiting Past District Governor from Holland Michigan, in a ceremony at the club meeting on February 20. Mehrdad was sponsored by Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence.**

## **Other News from the Last Rotary meeting**

**Bianca Torrence** had e-mailed to members and brought printed copies to meeting of the updated Malibu Rotary Articles of incorporation which she had been working on with professors and Pepperdine Law School students. We will vote on this at the board meeting next week.

Malibu Rotary Club President of the month John Elman announced the next meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club Board will be at 9:05 a.m. on February 27 following the regular Malibu Rotary Club meeting. It should end by 10:00 a.m.

### **Guests**

Returning guests **M. J. Ilknur Tekin Ph.D** . Two other returning guests at the February 13 and

**PDG Tom Bos**, from the Holland Michigan Rotary club were at the February 20 Malibu Rotary Club along with speaker **Cerin Laplante**.

## **Rotary District Foundation Grant to Malibu fire victims**



In a televideo meeting January 21 initiated by Rotary District Governor Joe Vasquez and Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence and attended by district and club leaders the Rotary District agreed to allocate \$15,000 from the Rotary District Foundation to Malibu fire victims.

The Malibu Rotary Club was charged with quickly deciding how the money would be distributed to victims of the November Woolsey fire which affected so many homes and people in Malibu. The Malibu Rotary Club is not equipped to sift through the needs of all the individuals who need help during this natural disaster and they have decided to turn to the Malibu group which was created to do just that—the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Emergency Relief Fund. It is the same organization that helped the Malibu Rotary distribute the \$11,500 total donation raised by the Venice Playa Vista Rotary Club. Using the extensive application process and review that had been devised by the committee of the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Emergency Relief Fund that had been submitted by fire victims the Malibu Rotary Club was able to distribute 23 \$500 gift cards to Malibu students who had sustained losses in the recent Woolsey Fire which destroyed over 670 structures in Malibu. District Governor Vasquez emphasized the need that recipients and the process be well documented, and the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Emergency Relief Fund does just that. Margo Neal sent the documents used by the B&GM Malibu Emergency Relief Fund to DG Vasquez in an e-mail after the conference call meeting. Details about the structure of B&GM Malibu Emergency Relief Fund are printed below.



On November 11, 2018, The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu established the Malibu Emergency Relief Fund (Fund), in response to the Woolsey Wildfire that was declared a city, state and federal disaster. This fund is in partnership with The Malibu Foundation sponsored by GVNG.org, and has support from Senator Henry Stern as well as the City of Malibu. Boys & Girls Club. Malibu has also consulted with and implemented best practices established by disaster relief experts, Waves for Water.

The Fund will be administered by the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, which will allocate and distribute funds to support impacted individuals/ households. Currently, we are raising funds to support people living in and working in unincorporated and Malibu City limits being defined by the geographic boundaries of the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District. This new fund allows Boys & Girls Club of Malibu to serve vulnerable members of our community through one of their most devastating life events. II. Purpose Entire families and communities are impacted by wildfire devastation. The Fund is designed to support our most vulnerable neighbors whose lives and livelihood are affected by the current wildfires in Southern California, specifically Malibu. We focus on families/ individuals with demonstrated, immediate emergency needs. III. Allocation The total amount of funds allocated to each individual/household will be determined based off of whichever tier of need they fall into. There will be three tiers (Tier I, Tier II, Tier III), that an individual/household can fall into if approved for emergency relief. Based on the application process that identifies various risk factors the individual/ household faces, the applicant/household will be evaluated and placed in a tier if approved for funding. The tiers progress from supporting the immediate needs of the most vulnerable populations (Tier I), to supporting the immediate needs of those impacted by the Woolsey Wildfire disaster that demonstrate a financial need (Tier II and III). IV. Use of Funds Assistance from the Fund is intended to assist with immediate needs of daily living for those affected/ impacted by the Woolsey Wildfire disaster that can show financial need. Funds are intended to be used for immediate emergency relief, including interim housing, food, water, clothing, transportation, medical supplies or school materials, or other approved immediate needs. Additional criteria for recipients include providing the following information or documentation, to be collected and vetted by the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu:

- Proof of residency or employment in Malibu and the address of loss or damage
- Description of loss or damage
- Description of recipients benefitting from the funds Funds are expected to be expended within 30 days of receipt, unless granted an extension from the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu.

Recipients are expected to provide receipts or documentation for expenses that are projected to exceed \$1,000. Currently funds are not eligible for rebuilding efforts. V. Eligibility To be eligible for emergency relief aid, the individual/ household must demonstrate a financial need for immediate emergency relief funds, which will be verified through the application process. Documentation that can help support demonstrated need includes (but is not limited to): bank statements, proof of no insurance,

\*The Emergency Relief Fund Oversight Committee: Lizzy Moore, Foundation President & Dean, Institutional Advancement, Santa Monica College Foundation Craig Foster, Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District Board Member Laura Rosenthal, Councilmember City of Malibu Lou Lamonte, Councilmember City of Malibu Karen Farrer, Councilmember Elect, City of Malibu Trevor and Evelin Neilson, The Malibu Foundation Kasey Earnest, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Malibu

\*\* For purposes of this Fund, "low-income" is defined by the Real Cost Measure, developed by United Way of California. The Real Cost Measure factors in local costs of housing, food, transportation, child care, health care and taxes.

Page 2 proof of loss of employment, proof of residence or association to unincorporated and Malibu City limits being defined by the geographic boundaries of the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District. VI. Application Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, along with partners, will use social media, traditional media, website, and direct/inperson outreach to widely communicate fund availability. Potential applicants will be directed to complete either (a) a paper application, (b) an online application located on the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu's website, or (c) a fillable form that will be provided via email. The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu will also have a dedicated page on their website for the public to access with updated information about the Fund. VII. Awards & Payment The amount of funds available for each individual/ household will be determined in accordance with the allocation schedule in section III of this document that discusses the three different Tiers of need. The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu will base funding determinations on:

- Amount of funds available
- Need of individuals and/or household proposed to be served
- Alignment of requested support with "Use of Funds" described in section IV of this document



- Financial health of applicant/ household

Once needs have been identified and fiscal allocation is determined based on need and budget available, the individual/household in need will receive a live check at designated disbursement sites, which are to be determined. Authorized personnel from the Fund will verify that funds are being distributed to correct person/household and collect appropriate receipts or documentation of expenses when needed. VIII. Reporting The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu is committed to administering the Fund with accountability and transparency. In this respect, the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu established an oversight committee\*, comprised of local community members, to provide leadership and guidance in establishing the Fund and determining the most appropriate ways to manage and disburse funds. In accordance with the oversight committee, the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu will keep detailed records of case management efforts that occurred with all recipients of funds, how funds were allocated and spent, and in specific circumstances proof of receipt of funds on part of grantee. The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu will also keep record of the following data and information:

- Number of low-income families assisted\*\*
- Type of assistance provided
- Description of how economic status is determined for families and individuals assisted
- External partners and Fund donors will receive updates on a quarterly basis and will receive additional information upon request.

For more information, visit <https://www.unitedwaysca.org/realcost> If you have questions about our Emergency Relief Fund, contact us at [emergencyrelief@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:emergencyrelief@bgcmalibu.org) or at 424.388.9862. Follow us to stay informed at: Facebook: @bgcmalibu90265 | Instagram: @bgcmalibu90265 | Twitter: @bgcmalibu Donations/ Volunteer ops at <https://bgcmalibu.org/>.

Margo Neal reported that the Rotary District officials decided to give the Rotary District Grant directly to B&GM Malibu Emergency Relief Fund to distribute to the needy recipients rather than give the grant to the Malibu Rotary to distribute to the recipients. Margo had been in contact with Kasey at the Boys and Girls Club. The people of Malibu and the recipients will associate with Malibu Rotary Club with this contribution—the opportunities for the Malibu Rotary Club to share in the publicity of this major community giving event are obvious.

## ART of Giving to the Philippines



**Joy Arcenas** spoke about the project she started to help the children in her native country—the Philippines. She donates back packs and school supplies to 2000 students in poor villages. Joy donates \$10,000 per year to the project. Last year on an individual basis members of the Malibu Rotary Club donated to her giving the students an additional requested item—flip-flops for the feet. Joy asked our club members if they are interested in contributing to another item that has been requested—umbrellas.

February 12 Joy had written the following e-mail to all the members of the Malibu Rotary Club:

Good morning Rotarians

As I prepare for my Humanitarian

trip to the Philippines in May. I would like to ask our club members if they are interested in supporting an umbrella for the parents of a 1st grader.

The cost is \$2 each including the print.

This year we will distribute 2,000 backpacks sponsored by Masbate Association of America

2,000 set of school supplies sponsored by Ligaya Legacy Homes

Hope Foundation will donate t-shirts for the kids.

Thank you for your time and appreciate your kind attention.

Best service above self.

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There was some question from Teresa whether to Malibu Rotary contributions could be as a club donation, or even a grant. **David Baird** made a commitment toward the project by e-mail. Joy has already had prototypes of the umbrellas made and pictures of them are shown below.



## 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 Humanitarin 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.



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## **Malibu Rotary Club Rotating Presidents for 2018-2019**

<b>July 2018 .....</b>	<b>W. David Baird</b>
<b>August 2018.....</b>	<b>Margo Neal</b>
<b>September 2018.....</b>	<b>Margo Neal</b>
<b>October 2018.....</b>	<b>Margo Neal</b>
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<b>March 2019.....</b>	<b>John W Elman</b>
<b>April 2019 .....</b>	<b>John W Elman</b>
	<b>Teresa LeGrove Cherkas</b>
<b>May 2019.....</b>	
<b>June 2019.....</b>	<b>Bianca Torrence</b>

## **CALENDAR**

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**February 27 2019          Paul Grasani   “What's Wrong With Our Water System & How Will it Affect Rebuilding Malibu?”**

**February 27 9:05 a.m. Malibu Rotary Club Board of Directors meeting follows the regular meeting**

**March 13 2019 Malibu Rotary Club meets with Malibu Chamber (Paradise Cove Cafe) at 8:00 am (no meeting at Pepperdine)**