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- Last week: Malibu Club Assembly led by Malibu Rotary Club President David Zielski, and Dave's latest report and video as Executive Director of Raincatcher
- Rotary Peace Conference
- **Next week: January 27 Malibu Rotary Club Annual Middle and High School Singing Competition at 7:00 P.M. at Raitt Recital Hall at Pepperdine University**
- **Because of the evening Singing Competition THERE WILL BE NO NOON MEETING OF THE MALIBU ROTARY CLUB ON JANUARY 27!**
- Next Regular Malibu Rotary Club Meeting February 3 in Pepperdine University Malibu Upper Drescher Graduate Campus LC 152 with fellowship at 11:30 a.m and meeting starting at 12:00 noon. Speaker will be Charlie Klarskov who will be talking about

“Smart Money Fundamentals”—a program addressing retirement planning, Social Security, and investing.

- **Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher.**

Check [Calendar](#) on Malibu Rotary website www.maliburotary.org

- **Rotary International Website:** www.Rotary.org
- **Rotary District 5280 Website:**www.rotary5280.org/
- **RI President (2015-2016) K.R. Ravindran**
 - **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2015-2016): D.J. Sung**

David Zielski Talks About His Latest Trip to Africa for Raincatcher



Besides presiding over a Malibu Rotary Club Assembly and Malibu Rotary Club board meeting on January 20th Malibu Rotary Club President David Zielski, who is Executive Director of Raincatcher showed a new video made on his latest trip to Uganda and Kenya on Africa for Raincatcher (picture above is from earlier trip).

David flew to the Entebbe Airport, and had to travel many miles on dirt roads to reach the remote villages where Raincatcher either were or were going to be.

During the latest trip the Raincatcher group installed new systems and checked on and repaired, as needed, previously installed systems. Because of the simplicity of Raincatcher systems they require minimal repair, and Raincatcher guarantees them for 10 years. 92% of previously installed Raincatcher systems are working. This is much higher than wells, which require much more maintenance.

In general Raincatcher storage tanks are put at the at the schools, and the students take the water clean water from the schools home to their families.

The new video is still undergoing editing and cannot currently be seen on line. Earlier videos can be seen at the RainCatcher website RainCatcher.org.

Since 2004, RainCatcher has been providing clean drinking water solutions to Africa and now other parts of the world. Currently, its systems have been setup in Kenya, Uganda, India and Haiti. Their hope is to diversify and spread across the globe to other third world countries that need clean drinking water as well. One of its main mission's focuses is on education.

In the villages that Raincatchers services the children had to travel miles each morning to bring water from streams carrying 5 gallon pales. They missed school and the water they brought back was dirty. People in these villages had never seen clean water. They thought water was brown.

Since its founding in 2004, RainCatcher has donated more than 12,000 water filtration systems and equipped 46 schools with rainwater harvesting systems in Uganda and Kenya, providing clean water to more than 450,000 people.

Rotary Peace Conference

Bill Wishard represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the Rotary Peace Conference held January 15-16 in Ontario, California. Both current Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran, and immediate past RI President Gary CK Huang were also there, along with speakers and representatives from around the world. There were also members of CIA and FIB, who talked about the San Bernadino terrorist attack.

The mission of the Rotary World Peace Conference 2016 was to bring together experts with solutions to major issues that are occurring in our personal lives, homes, schools, businesses and communities, not just in Southern California, but around the world. Leaders from health care, academia, government, public safety, religions, business, and communities to met together to share the solutions presented by experts. The format was to allow for action plans to be developed such that real and measureable actions can be undertaken when attendees return home.

The event featured more than 80 panel and facilitated sessions, five plenary sessions, World class speakers and facilitators who spoke on more than 13 different tracks of training in the field of conflict prevention and resolution.

Among topics discussed was inner peace and to this end Sally Formosa, wife of Malibu Rotarian Peter Formosa, had a room set up for meditation.

There was a sold out dinner that Bill didn't have tickets for. Bill managed to get into dinner room after he met a guest from Mexico who gave Bill as a wallet and Bill went to his car to give this guest one of the Special Olympics World Games t-shirts (Bill keeps selling these shirts and getting them back). After Bill managed to get into room where the dinner was being held he noticed there were several empty seats, ostensibly for people who bought dinner tickets but did not attend. One of the empty seats was next to Past District Governor Elsa Gilham, who invited Bill to set next her.

The Peace Conference ended with a concert. It featured a group a large string ensemble from Sakha (Yakutia) near Russia. Bill managed to get his picture with them. Bill of course is in the middle of everything. State Ensemble of violinists of Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) "Virtuosos of Yakutia" The ensemble consists of 12 violinists. They are the winners of four International Youth Competitions "Violin of the North" in Yakutsk, the open competitions of young violinists of Siberia in Novosibirsk



Other news and guests from last Malibu Rotary Club meeting

It was announced that longtime Malibu Rotary Club member **Fred Cornet** is unable to attend meetings because of a neuropathy affecting his ability to walk. He welcomes calls from well wishers.

Bill Wishard will serve on the board of the 5280 501c(3) Foundation. This foundation has been in existence for a while but been dormant.

Bianca Torrence announced that volunteers are needed on a community committee to count the Homeless in Malibu

Third Rotary District Breakfast of the 2015-16 Rotary year on February 11 at 7:00 at the LAX Westin Hotel, 5400 Century Blvd, Los Angeles. Keynote speaker is **Austin Beutner**, founder and CEO of Vision To Learn. Vision To Learn provides free eye exams and glasses to children in low-income communities across California. There should be enough Malibu Rotarians attending for a Malibu Rotary table. Early Bird Price for Non-Malibu Rotarians is \$38.00 but for Malibu Rotarians the club will subsidize \$15.00 and just pay treasurer Carlye \$23.00.

Guests

Guests at the June 20 Malibu rotary club meeting included **Jack Sherrer**, recently returned from holiday visit home in Georgia and **Sprott Woods**, co-producer of “Hidden Tears Project” on Human trafficking, who was at the recent Rotary Peace Conference with Bill Wishard. Sprott is scheduled to return to the Malibu Rotary Club March 2nd to tell us more about the Hidden Tears Project (see hiddentearsproject.org).

Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya for new Raincatcher installations and maintenance of those previously installed.. More about Raincatcher can be seen on its website Raincatcher.org. A link to Raincatcher video is 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)

Malibu Middle and High School Singers Jan 27, 2016

Annual Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Singing Contest (in Evening--No Regular Meeting)

Charlie Klarskov Feb 03, 2016

Smart Money Fundamentals- retirement planning

Charlie Klarskov is part of a community outreach program from a radio show on KRLA called "Smart Money Fundamentals". The program offers educational talks to the public that address retirement planning, Social Security, and investing. They have given talks at UCLA, Santa Monica College, libraries, tech firms, churches and some Rotary clubs (Culver City, Palos Verdes, Torrance and Carson-Gardena) and will be featured at the February 3 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club.

Deanell Reece Tacha, Dean Pepperdine School of Law Feb 10, 2016

Latest News From the Pepperdine Law School

Dean Tacha is the Duane and Kelly Roberts Dean of the School of Law and professor of law. She was appointed by President Reagan to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit where she served as a circuit judge from 1986-2011. She served as Chief Judge from January 2001 through 2007. Dean Tacha earned her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Kansas in 1968 and her juris doctorate from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1971. She was a White House Fellow (1971-1972).

She returned to the University of Kansas where she served as associate professor at its School of Law from 1974-1977 and as professor of law from 1977-1985. She served as associate dean from 1977-1979, as associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs from 1979-1981, and as vice chancellor for Academic Affairs between 1981-1985. In 1992, Dean Tacha received the KU Alumni Association's Fred Ellsworth Medallion for extraordinary service to the university and received its most prestigious award, the Distinguished Service Citation, in 1996. In January of 2010, she was named "Kansan of the Year" by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.

Rotary District Breakfast #3 Feb 11, 2016

Rotary District Breakfast #3 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 Century Blvd, Los Angeles

Bernard Otis Feb 17, 2016

How to Prepare for Old Age ---- Without Taking the Fun Out of Life

Bernard Otis is an 87 year old very active Rotarian, Past President and a respected Writer, Speaker and Author. He has written a very witty, humorous and informative best Selling Book "How to Prepare for Old Age---Without Taking the Fun Out of Life" His talks at Rotary Clubs are receiving rave reviews,

"How to Prepare for Old Age (Without Taking the Fun Out of Life)" is a love story. Perhaps the title is a bit misleading and some may think it is merely a "how to" book. The message from this extraordinary man is about living the best life you can for as long as you can with love in your heart and a passion for living at any age. I first met Bernie Otis during a time when his beloved Anna was being treated for cancer. She was stage 4 and shortly on hospice. Bernie needed assistance at their home to care for Anna and through a referral from a mutual acquaintance, Bernie hired our agency to provide skilled attendant care for Anna during this very difficult time. After Anna's passing, Bernie was not only in mourning, but he, too, was struggling with his own physical challenges and subsequently needed some assistance from our agency. While our relationship began as business, we shortly became friends. I learned of the depth and breadth of Bernie's commitment to living and watched as he turned his grief into a celebration of the life he shared with Anna.

Wynne Ritch Feb 24, 2016

Walking ThroughTime With Norman Rockwell

Wynne Ritch is a member and past president of the Greater Van Nuys Rotary Club. Last month he was featured at the Malibu Rotary Club sharing his unique experience in Vietnam. Wynne is an authority on the works of Norman Rockwell, and owns over 200 signed Rockwell prints and has a story and artifacts to go with each Rockwell piece--newspapers of the time and stories of people in Rockwell's paintings.

Wynne was an Eagle Scout as a teenager in 1960 and following his stint in the Marines was assistant executive director of the Verdugo Hills Council of the Boy Scouts of America for 32 years. Being associated with scouting that long, it is not surprising that Wynne became familiar with the art of Norman Rockwell. Rockwell is noted for his 64-year relationship with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), during which he produced covers for their publication *Boys' Life*, calendars, and other illustrations. These works include popular images that reflect the *Scout Oath* and *Scout Law* such as *The Scoutmaster*, *A Scout is Reverent* and *A Guiding Hand*, among many others.

Sprott Woods Mar 02, 2016

Hidden Tears Project

The Hidden Tears Project is a media awareness initiative on the issue of child trafficking of American children. According to statistics, 70 percent of global child trafficking cases are American-born, not foreign. Hidden Tears Project has recently gained the rights to film 12 short films on the book *Slave Next Door*.

hiddentearsproject.org

Jennifer Linehan MD, Urologic Oncologist Mar 09, 2016

Advances in Urologic Oncology

Dr Jennifer Linehan is a urological oncologist at the John Wayne Cancer at Providence St. Johns Health Center in Santa Monica.

Dr. Linehan is an Associate Professor of Urology and Urologic Oncology. Her expertise and interests are minimally invasive approaches to urologic oncology and reconstructive urology, with a particular emphasis on robot assisted procedures. She also practices general urology, including both male and female voiding dysfunction and treatment for kidney stones.

Dr. Linehan completed her medical degree at the College of Medicine at the University of Arizona. She subsequently completed a general surgery internship and urology residency at the University of Arizona where she received the George M. Drach Award for the most compassionate urologic resident. She joined City of Hope in 2010, first as a fellow in urologic oncology and robotic surgery, followed by a staff appointment in the City of Hope Medical Group. She has received multiple research awards for her contributions in kidney cancer research and has published articles in a variety of medical journals.

She is an experienced robotic and laparoscopic surgeon who has also performed many endoscopic procedures.

Pete Peterson, Interim Dean Pep School Pub.Policy Mar 16, 2016

Running for Public Office (tentative)

Pete Peterson is Interim Dean Pep School of Public.Policy who ran for California Secretary of State in 2015. [.7yF1GnV5.dpuf](#)