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Malibu Times publisher Karen York Talks about Operation Recovery the Dolphin Foundation



Karen York (L), who with her husband Arnold publish the Malibu Times, accepted a donation from the Malibu Rotary Club for the Dolphin Foundation, and talked about Operation Recovery for Malibu fire victims, which was originally started by Karen York and Margo Neal (R) after each of them lost their Las Flores canyon homes in the 1993 Malibu fire. Each lady is a Past President of the Malibu Rotary Club.

Karen York was the featured speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting January 23. She explained that when the November 9th Woolsey fire headed for Malibu it was a terrible déjà vu for her and other previous Malibu wildfire victims. The loss and the recovery process that she and others in their neighborhood had experienced after the 1993 fire brought Karen and Margo Neal together to pool their resources and start Operation Recovery. They learned a lot and Karen and her husband Arnold decided to share their experience with victims of the November Woolsey Fire and have been having regular meetings with current fire victims, bringing in experts, and using their experience to help with a new chapter of Operation Recovery.

Karen explained that she learned a lot, and although she and Arnold do not want to lead the new Operation Recovery they are there to let people pick their brain and benefit from their experience. She said that a steering committee meeting of the new Operation Recovery Team had just gotten together last week.

Karen said many things have changed in the 25 years since the Las Flores community suffered their event. Social Media disseminates both true and false information. The victims of the fire joining together in Operation Recovery can look to their group to get the true information. They can compare notes to find the best law firms to represent them. Karen said she expects there to be a suit against Edison for liability in starting the fire. The fire victims should have a united front in dealing with the insurance companies, the City of Malibu Planning department, look a changes in regulations for current buildings and join a voting block. Karen noted that the Fire Commander is speaking at the next Malibu City Council meeting and he will have to face a lot of angry people.

Karen also spoke briefly about the Dolphin Foundaton. It is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation started by Karen and Arnold York in 2014. Karen said that she and Arnold want to retire from the newspaper publishing business but feel the Dolphin Foundation and the Dolphin Awards are an important thing to continue.

“It is the mission of the Malibu Dolphin Foundation to provide recognition and financial support to the many worthwhile and inspirational individuals, organizations and community projects that enhance the quality of life for all of Malibu’s citizens. Our efforts will include, but not be limited to, community, educational, environmental and health initiatives, disaster preparedness and relief, assistance to families in need and those organizations and individuals whose efforts address our society’s critical challenges and the unmet needs of their fellow citizens.”

This year the Yorks had asked Dolphin Award recipients where they would like Dolphin Foundation money to go and unanimously agreed that it should go to the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Emergency Relief Fund (which is also where Malibu Rotary and Rotary District Grant funds are going—see below).

On a brighter note Karen invited everyone to attend the Super Bowl Party at the Malibu Jewish Center on Sunday.

Malibu Rotary Club to Give 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 or at 424.388.9862. Follow us to stay informed at: Facebook: @bgcmalibu90265 | Instagram: @bgcmalibu90265 | Twitter: @bgcmalibu Donations/ Volunteer ops at <https://bgcmalibu.org/>.

Other News from the Last Rotary meeting

Carlye Rudkin had again brought some of paintings of Malibu by the late artist Julie Van Zandt May to the Malibu Rotary Club to have **Karen York** take a picture of at least one of them to display in the Malibu Times to raise money for the Malibu Rotary Club relief efforts.

Bianca Torrence was again organizing the Malibu Homeless count to be held Thursday January 24th. Among those who were volunteering to wake up early and do the duty were **Nagy Heinen** and **David Baird**. Visiting guest **M. J. Ilknur Tekin** also was going to contact Bianca to do it. The count was be from 3:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. before the homeless get up and move to another location.

Guests

Our winter guest **Tom Bos**, PDG from Holland, Michigan was at the January 23 meeting of Malibu Rotary Club, as was **M. J. Ilknur Tekin Ph.D.** Dr Tekin is Past President of a Rotary Club in District 2420 in Istanbul, Turkey, and was District Youth Chair there. She has not been in Turkey for 6 years and is currently working for UC Berkeley in Tech Management, but says she is hoping to work for Pepperdine. If she stays in town we hope to see her again and may have her as a speaker.

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 Humanitarian 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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CALENDAR

January 30 2019 Richard Gibbs Armory for Harmony

Richard Gibbs, the owner of Woodshed Recording, is a renowned film and television composer, record producer, and musical innovator

The next Malibu Rotary Club regular Meeting will be 8:00 a.m. January 30, 2019 in room LC 152 on the Pepperdine Drescher Upper Graduate campus. It will be featuring Richard Gibbs who the founder Armory of Harmony.

From the Armory of Harnony website <https://www.armoryofharmony.com/>

"Armory of Harmony is an assemblage of citizens from all corners of the conversation. We love our country, want to protect our children, and respect our differing perspectives as the highest expression of democratic freedom. Our initiative is to address mental health through music. We are taking a resolutely positive approach. We are not against anything. We are for making the world a safer place for our children.

"We will be accepting donated guns from police departments and cities all around the country. We are working with major manufacturers of brass instruments, marching drums and other instruments to utilize the metals from those guns to make and brand musical instruments for high school and college marching bands and ensembles.

"Kids in band belong. They are part of something bigger than themselves, a community of music. Kids who belong and have purpose feel much better about themselves. Music is a proven and proactive method of therapy for all types of mental and emotional issues. On this we all agree.

"Think Product Red, with beautiful blue black gun metal as the branding color instead of red. Think MADD — which has grown to save untold thousands of lives by working WITH alcohol companies and car manufacturers, not against them.

"The Armory of Harmony is fiercely apolitical. We take no stance on regulations, make no endorsements of any politicians, and have no agenda beyond the belief that the afterlife of a gun can be an instrument of healing. "

"MUSIC GIVES A SOUL TO THE UNIVERSE, WINGS TO THE MIND, FLIGHT TO THE IMAGINATION AND LIFE TO EVERYTHING."

— PLATO

February 6 2019 Hans Laetz KBU

Malibu Radio station operator Hans Laetz will talk about the services of station and recieve donation from Malibu Rotary Club

February 20 2019 Cerin Laplante Malibu Surf Team

Cerin Laplante will be visiting the Malibu Rotary Club to talk about the Malibu Sharks Surf Team and accept a check from the Malibu Rotary Club

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

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