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***Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter***

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- Malibu Rotary website [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org)
  - Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)
  - Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280.org/](http://www.rotary5280.org/)
  - RI President (2018-2019) Barry Rassin
  - Rotary District 5280 Governor ( 2018-2019) [Joe Vasquez](#)

**Peter Lattey - Global Grant WASH in Schools project**



**Peter Lattey was President of Rotary Club of Downtown Los Angeles 2012-2013 and since then has been its International Service Chair, putting together service projects joining the Los Angeles Rotary Club with the Migori, Kenya Rotary Club along with other Rotary Clubs in the local Rotary District (5280) and clubs in Montreal and British Columbia in Canada to get RI grants to bring clean drinking water and other health benefits to the children of Kenya.**

Speaking at the Malibu Rotary Club on January 16 Peter Lattey explained that when he was President of the Rotary Club of Downtown Los Angeles he received a plea for help from the President of Migori Kenya Rotary Club on the club's facebook page. The Migori club was failing and he needed some advice. After some discussion it was decided that the club should find a service project that would raise their profile in the community. They decided on a Water and Sanitation and Health (WASH) in schools project using rain water harvesting with large water tanks that could serve as a billboard for the Rotary wheel.

The water harvesting in Kenya has been taken on by several international organizations and of course the Malibu Rotary Club became aware of it by past president David Zielski when he was working with the Raincatchers organization headquartered in Malibu.

The project that Peter and the president of the Migori club was discussing was a water and sanitation project that will ultimately provide clean water, latrines, and hand wash stations to over 17,000 school students at 28 rural schools in Migori county, Kenya. So far they have done 3 projects at 20 schools and 2 clinics and provided clean water to over 12,000 students.

This part of Kenya gets plenty of rain twice a year, but the groundwater is often of poor quality. They decided that the best solution to the water issue was to collect rainwater from the iron roofs of the schools and store it in above ground tanks. Most schools received two 10,000 liter tanks or a well with a handpump, two handwash stations and a two door, wheelchair accessible latrine. Rotary provides the tanks, the plumbing and any skilled labor. The community dug the 20 ft deep latrine and provided the bricks for the latrine. They also provide materials for the base of the tanks and unskilled labor. The bulk of the money comes from the clubs and district funds in Rotary District 5280 but District 9212 in Kenya and the Suna Migori club also provide funding. They have also received funding from clubs in Texas, Ohio, Australia and England.

In 2013-2014 the Suna Migori Rotarians identified four schools and a rural clinic that had either no water or very poor water and poor latrines. With a Rotary Global Grant they provided each location with two tanks, a latrine and a wash station. Having to fetch water from streams often kept students out of school because they had to walk to the streams to fetch and carry water and that water was not clean. Rotary water project immediately benefitted the 1,500 students. Enrollment jumped. Absenteeism due to disease fell. The local Rotarians finished the project in four months and the grant was closed out two months later.

The project was such a great success that the Downtown Los Angeles Rotary Club and their partners decided to turn it into a four year program. The second Global grant covered eight primary schools and over 4,500 students and one rural clinic. One of the schools was on the verge of being closed due to their latrines but stayed open because of the project..

The second grant had an interesting twist to it. The headmaster of one of the schools asked of the Rotary program could do something to provide sanitary pads for the girls so they wouldn't have to miss class every month. They didn't want to donate a big box of pads that would be used up in a month or two. They wanted to do something sustainable, so they explored the alternatives. The grant funded a group of women in Migori to start a business manufacturing and selling low cost, reusable and washable sanitary pads. The pads will last for several years but the cost is only equal to the cost of a six month supply of disposable pads and they won't clog up the latrines. This group of 7 women have just got their first major contract to supply the county government with 1,000 sets of pads for distribution to high schools.

The third grant is just wrapping up.. This provides clean water and sanitation to 8 more primary schools with about 5,000 students. They also drilled 2 wells in addition to the rainwater tanks.

When they started this project, the county government wanted no part of it. Rotary was seen as just another NGO that was probably corrupt and incompetent. Peter explained that they have now shown the community that Rotary works and gets things done for the community;.

The Rotary Club of Suna Migori is now a vibrant club with 20 members.

Peter said he is working on grants to provide microflush toilets, handwashing training, sanitation training,

Peter visits to schools in Kenya regularly to help with assessment and check on the work of the projects.

Peter showed a video at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting to illustrate the Rotary WASH projects in Kenys. Several of his videos are posted YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ad54H49MsZU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYJikbScUs8>

Following the regular Malibu Rotary Club meeting on January 16 there was a Malibu Rotary Club board meeting where the Malibu Rotary Club voted to participate a Global Grant Project with the Downtown Los Angeles Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Migori Kenya. The cost of projects in each school is about \$6000, and Malibu Rotary Club contribution of \$200.00 may not seem like much, but with matching grants from the Rotary Foundation, the district and contributions from other this a little goes a long way.



**Rotary Global Grants provide clean drinking water to students in Migori Kenya**

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

**Teresa Le Grove Cherkas** announced that the annual Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School singing competition may still occur this year at Raitt Recital Hall and details are still being worked out.

There was a Malibu Rotary Club board meeting on January 16. The minutes will be uploaded to the Members Only section of the Malibu Rotary Club website.

### **January 22 Rotary District Breakfast.**

David announced the next Rotary district breakfast 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. at the Westin LAX Hotel will feature Dorian Holley, vocal director for Michael Jackson's "This is it" tour, and Shawn Holley entertainment and business litigation attorney who was a member of the OJ Simpson defense team and has represented Kanye West, Michael Jackson, Lindsey Lohan the Kardashian/Jenner family and more. This wishing to attend should get their names and money (\$43.00) in by the January 16 meeting

### **Guests**

Our winter guest **Tom Bos**, PDG from Holland, Michigan was at the January 16 meeting of Malibu Rotary Club

## 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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### **January 16, 2019 Peter Lattey - Global Grant WASH in Schools project**

Peter Lattey is Past President of Rotary Club of Downtown Los Angeles and currently its International Service Chair and chair of the club's participation in LA 5's Global Grant WASH in Schools project in Kenya. He just returned from Kenya, where he has been working on the project.

Here is a link to a video that he made that gives an idea of what the project means to the children there.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ad54H49MsZU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ad54H49MsZU)

Peter will be at the Malibu Rotary club January 16 for its morning meeting in LC 152 at the Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate campus in Malibu at 8:00 a.m. to show and tell us about this worthwhile project

**January 23, 2019 Malibu Rotary Club meeting in Room LC in LC 152 at the Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate campus in Malibu at 8:00 a.m Speaker will be Malibu Times publisher Karen York speaking on Operation Recovery**

**January 30 2018 Richard Gibbs Armory for Harmony**

**February 6 2018 Hans Laetz KBU**

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