



Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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- **Next Regular Malibu Rotary Club Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room of Pepperdine University in Malibu. Speaker will be Scott Wagenseller, Chairman of the Board of the Malibu Chamber of Commerce and head of Gates Security.**
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- **Malibu Rotary Club Website: www.MalibuRotary.org**
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- **Rotary District 5280 “Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians” Website: <http://yp5280.org/>**
- **[RI President \(2010-2011\) Ray Klingensmith](#)**
- **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2010-2011): Doug Baker**

Joe Ditzel Clean Comedy: "Joe Ditzel Has Some Problems"



Joe Ditzel is an award-winning speaker and comedian who has performed for thousands of audiences, authored numerous humor essays, written and produced hundreds of animated cartoons, and whose passion is helping build better lives through his work with organizations such as [Working Wardrobes](#). Joe's high energy humor keeps his audiences laughing as he slips in his message about persistence and achievement. At Malibu Rotary Club

meeting of July 28th Joe included the small audience in the humor, which was often self deprecating, but had everyone in attendance with at least smiles on their faces, if they weren't boisterously laughing. It's probably not that easy to do standup comedy at 7:30 in the morning, but those how were part of Malibu Rotary meeting had a special treat.

Using personal stories that people can identify with he builds a bond with his audience. One of his stories is about a recurrent dream he has about his late father. In this dream Joe says he finds himself going through a tunnel of lights into a room filled with bright lights and Joe is sitting in a chair at the end the room and a door opens, and it's his dad, whom he hadn't seen in years, and Joe hollers "Dad!" and his dad looks around the room and says, "Joe, Did you leave all these lights on?—Do think we're made of money up here?"

Some of Joe's jokes appeared in the national bestseller Joke Soup. He also has a collection of humor columns called "Joe Ditzel Has Some Problems," which he released as a book, followed by "Joe Ditzel Has Some More Problems." And then there are topical

problem collections like “Joe Ditzel Has Problems with Driving.” Take the *I’m Never Moving Over Guy*, for example:

You start to merge on the freeway. I'm Never Moving Over Guy is blocking your way. He could easily move over one lane to allow you to enter. But he has been in the right lane for 290 miles today and he has never moved over once. He sees it as a sign of weakness. Too bad for you. You just need to speed up like a maniac or slow down by standing on the brake to try to merge. Good luck.

We can all relate to Joe’s problems because we have them too. You can see You Tube links to Joe doing some of his material at: <http://www.joeditzel.com/content/meet-joe-ditzel-award-winning-speaker-and-comedian>.

Other News and Guests from July 28 Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

There was on returning guest at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of July 28, **Cliff Mortensen**, who was introduced by Bill Wishard as being another of the Psi Upsilon fraternity alums (along with Bill and President Chris Bauman), as well as an MBA graduate from Pepperdine who now works for Northwest Mutual Life.

Malibu Rotary Club President Chris Bauman talked about recent editorials in the Malibu Times and a website that questions the amount of money given back to the community by the Malibu Kiwanis Club from the annual Malibu Kiwanis Club Chili Cook Off. The event takes in over \$100,000 per year, but according to public tax records a majority of it goes back to the Malibu Kiwanis Club as administrative fees, rather than into the charities and scholarships that most expect it to go to. Despite this the Malibu Rotary Club, living by the 4 Way Test, and knowing that it needs to increase its fund raising efforts be able to keep doing what it has for high school scholarships, music awards, clean water for Ecuador, Rotary Foundation projects, etc. is hoping the Malibu Kiwanis Club Chili Cook Off, with Kevin Boling’s help cooking and selling is trip tip beef and burgers, will make this the best fund raiser the Malibu Rotary Club has had in year.

John Elman has put the September 4 and 5th Malibu Kiwanis Club Cook Off on the Rotary District 5280 Calendar, accessible online from our club site (www.maliburotary.org) the district website : www.rotary5280la.org, or the website of any other club in the district using Clubrunner.

Malibu Kiwanis Chili Cook Off

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- **Captain:** • **Kevin Boling**
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- **Date:** • **Sep 4 2010 at 12:00 PM - Sep 5 2010 at 05:00 PM**
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- **Event Fee:** • **\$10.00 per person**
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- **Location:** • **Malibu Civic Center**
- **Civic Center Way**
- **Corner of Stuart Ranch Rd**
-  **Malibu, CA, 90401**
- **United States**
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- **Event Detail:** • **The Annual Malibu Kiwanis Chili Cook Off will be held September 4th and 5th in the Malibu Civic Center area. It is a fund raiser not only for Kiwanis but other service organizations, including Malibu Rotary Club. In addition to selling water, which the Malibu Rotary Club had done for the past several years, Keven Boling will be cooking and selling his award winning Tri-Tip Bar B-Q and burgers in the Malibu Rotary Club booth using his portable barbecue oven. Bring the whole family and enjoy the live music, food and fun.**
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Project TRIUMPH (Today's Revolution Is Understanding; Make Peace Happen) is a grassroots effort to bring Arab and Jewish teenagers together in the spirit of collaboration to build a shared vision for

a peaceful future. The program was conceived by Ilan Magdali of the Newbury Park Rotary Club. It brought 10 teenage Arab and 10 teenage Jewish students from Israel to a leadership camp in Simi Valley where they all learned to work together, develop leaders skills before returning to Israel to use what they learned back home. Most of us feel helpless in trying to find a solution to the constant war in the Middle East, but at least this program is trying to do something. Initially sponsorship of this program had been mostly from the Newbury Park Rotary Club and Rotary Clubs in District 5240 and private and corporate donors. Malibu Rotary Club was the first Rotary Club in Rotary District 5280 to support the project.

Pictured above are the students who were hosted in 2008 as they visited Malibu on their way to the leadership camp. Today the program no longer is bringing the students to the US. There is a partnership with the Rotary Club of Haifa and one in Italy to get Jewish and Arab students out of Israel to a place where they can learn to work together and apply this when they return to Israel. A new Pilot TRIUMPH project is being developed. It concentrates it's efforts on the students in the City of Acre in Israel as a year long program with Jewish and Arab students working together making a video documentary that strives for lifelong results. The new Pilot TRIUMPH project is a non-profit organization with Leon Berg, as its CEO.

If you would like to help with Project TRIUMPH you can contact Shoshana Brower at shobrower@gmail.com or Leon Berg at Leon.Berg@gmail.com.



Malibu Rotary Club Supports BioSand Filters in Ecuador

Malibu Rotary Club voted to send \$500 to the Rotary Club of Pontiac Michigan to help build and install BioSand Filters in Santo Domingo De Los Colorados, Ecuador. As was noted by Carol Cousineau, who, along with husband Ron brought the project to our attention, after installing the first BioSand filters in Ecuador (and pictured left), "That money would be matched by the next District Grant, which we have been assured we will get. So, for instance \$500.00 would become \$750.00.

The filters and two 5 gallon safe water containers per unit, cost around \$60.00 each, so a donation of \$500.00 would provide 12 families of five or more with 20 gallons of water each day - enough for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, bathing and washing clothes! The filters

are expected to last at least 50 years without the need to add any expense except chlorine - available and inexpensive. That means each family will have more money to provide more nutritious food for their families, since they don't have to pay for propane to boil their water. It will mean more time to spend with their children, rather than boiling or foraging for firewood. With great improvement in the health of all the family members, fewer cases of diarrhea and stomach flu from bad water and parasites, the parents will better be able to hold down a job and provide for their families, children will be able to attend school more days and have a better future.

We are excited about this project because we anticipate that this is just the beginning. All over Ecuador, there are families struggling to survive, with a high infant mortality rate, because of bad water. This successful project will be a shining example and model. Rotary is the perfect vehicle for getting the word out about BioSand and accomplishing the goal of providing safe drinking water for the world. **BioSand** is one of the four methods of purifying water recommended for Third World Countries by the World Health Organization. (We have researched the others. Since they provide only a small amount of water for drinking, are small and ceramic, so more susceptible to breakage or deterioration, or adding so much chlorine that the people won't drink it, the concrete BioSand is by far the best choice for all but mountainous areas, where a more expensive plastic version of BioSand is an alternative.)”

For a while it looked like the matching grant process was not going to happen. When Malibu Rotarian Bill Wishard visited Ecuador in March, 2010, he was able to meet with Ecuador Past District 4400 Governor, Juan Prinz, to get project back on track.

Upcoming Programs

August 4, 2010- Fireside Room is not available. Instead, there will be a Malibu Rotary Club board meeting and planning session in the Faculty Dining Room adjacent to the Fireside Room at Pepperdine University, at 7:30 a.m. If that room is unavailable Malibu Rotarians will meet outside in patio adjacent to Faculty Dining Room

August 11, 2010 [Scott Wagenseller](#) Chairman of the Board of the Malibu Chamber of Commerce and head of Gates Security

August 25, 2010 - Fireside Room is not available. Meeting venue to be announced

September 4 & 5—Malibu Kiwanis Chili Cook Off (with Malibu Rotary Club participation)

September 8, 2010 Bob Brager "Update on Legacy Park"

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website www.maliburotary.org for latest Calendar and future speakers