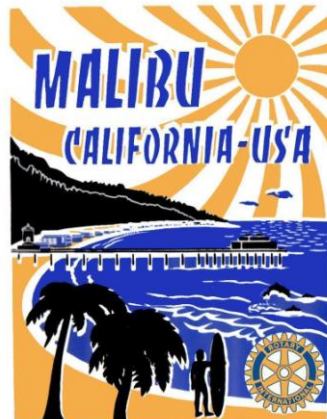




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Malibu Rotary Club Past President Bill Wishard and Malibu Rotary Club President (2017-18) Bianca Torrence both represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta.

Presidential Peace Conference Preceded Rotary International Conference in Atlanta



Bill Wishard and Bianca Torrence of the Malibu Rotary Club invited Alex Ayzin to attend the peace conference on June 9 that preceded the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. Martin Luther King Jr's daughter Rev. Bernice King, CEO of Marthin Luther King, Jr Center, was the keynote speaker. Bernice spoke to Alex about his film *Winds of Freedom* which was premiered at the May 31 Malibu Rotary Club meeting. Also at table is Marine Dennis. His great grandfather was Pastor at Montgomery Alabama home where MLK Jr stayed.

Bill Wishard tells us that she is as inspiring a speaker as her famous father. Her theme was "Make Civilized Society."

She tells us "Daddy taught us through his philosophy of nonviolence, which placed love at the centerpiece, that through that love we can turn enemies into friends," she said. "Through that love, we can create more dignified atmospheres."

The elder King rose to prominence in the civil rights era of the 1960s, during which he expressed an unwavering faith in achieving equality and fought relentlessly to dismantle injustice. In doing so, he expressed great courage as he spoke about love and unity in the face of racial hate. His preaching was not always well-received and, at a time when black people were frequently subjected to violence from white people on account of race alone, King and other civil rights heroes put their livelihoods in great jeopardy to promote intolerance of such acts of evil.

Ultimately, it was hate that fueled the actions that led to Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination on April 4, 1968 — but the younger King, who was only 5 years old at the time, says it was her father's uplifting message around love that allowed his legacy to live on forever.

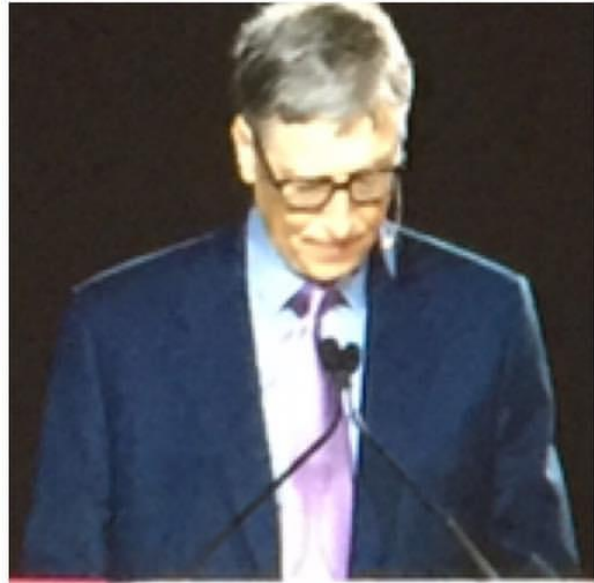
Bernice King feels that in order to create a peaceful world you have to sit down and talk to your enemies—the people who hate you. She was invited to be a conference where a known member of the KKK was also on the panel. The moderator didn't want the KKK member to participate, but King disagreed, saying you have to include everyone, including your enemies, to find out way they hate you.



Amina J. Mohammed, deputy secretary-general for the United Nations, spoke to attendees at Presidential Peace Conference, 10 June



Malibu Rotary Club Past President Bill Wishard, Ray Klinginsmith (RI President 2010-2011) and Malibu Rotary Club President-Elect Bianca Torrence at RI Convention in Atlanta



On June 12 in Atlanta Rotary President John Germ and Bill Gates, co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced a commitment of up to \$450 million to support the eradication of polio.

To an audience of 33,000 Rotary members attending the humanitarian organization's annual convention, Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation renewed their longstanding support for ending polio – a paralyzing, life-altering scourge on the verge of becoming the second human disease ever to be eliminated. Rotary committed to raise \$50 million per year over the next three years, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This expanded agreement will translate into \$450 million for polio eradication activities, including immunization and surveillance over the next three years. This critical funding helps ensure countries around the world remain polio-free and that polio is ended in the remaining three endemic countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan.

"In 2016, fewer children were paralyzed by polio than ever before, thanks to the dedication of Rotary members and our partners," said Germ. "The paralysis of even one child by a preventable disease is unacceptable, and I'm proud to see our members redoubling their commitment to ensure we reach every single child with the polio vaccine."

In a partnership spanning a decade, Rotary and the Gates Foundation, along with the other Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) partners, have led the effort to end polio worldwide. This funding extension reaffirms a commitment established at the 2013 Rotary Convention in Lisbon, when the Gates Foundation pledged to match Rotary contributions two-to-one, up to \$35 million per year through 2018. Rotary, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, has donated more than \$1.6 billion to polio eradication.

"The vision of eradicating polio began with Rotary, and its support of that effort has been unwavering for more than 35 years," said Gates. "Rotary's commitment to raise \$150 million over the next three years to end polio forever is a testament to the compassion, generosity, and kindness of more than a million Rotarians around the world."

Also at the convention representatives of world governments and other donors have pledged to contribute US\$1.2 billion total to the GPEI for polio eradication efforts. The government funding—also announced at the Rotary Convention—will substantially help to close the US\$1.5 billion funding gap, allowing partners to immunize 450 million children every year and support rigorous disease surveillance in both endemic and at-risk polio-free countries. While the government funding announced at the convention makes considerable headway in the fight to end polio, continued support from donors remains vital to achieve a polio-free world.

The global eradication of polio has been Rotary's top priority since 1985. Through the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) – a public-private partnership that includes Rotary, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and UNICEF – the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year at the start of the initiative to just 37 cases in 2016 and 5 cases in 2017.



Bianca said one of the most exciting parts of the convention was the opening ceremonies when representatives of each count walked in with their countries flags.

The 2017 Rotary Convention's opening ceremony took place Sunday at the Georgia World Congress Center, and included the presentation of the centennial bell. This special bell was forged at a 1,000-year-old foundry in Agnone, Italy, in honor of the Foundation's centennial. The presentation marked the start of a five-day centennial celebration.

During the opening session, Georgia Governor Nathan Deal welcomed Rotary to Atlanta, and RI President John F. Germ emphasized opportunities for making connections during the convention.

Highlights

Candlelight Vigil to End Slavery and Human Trafficking: Rotary members joined Atlanta residents at a candlelight vigil Saturday night to bring attention to human trafficking. The program featured Dorsey Jones, who told how she survived trafficking in metropolitan Atlanta. Participants observed a moment of silence for victims.

Panel Presentation on the End of Modern Slavery: Ashton Kutcher, cofounder of **Thorn**, actor, entrepreneur, tech investor, producer, and philanthropist, will lead a panel

discussion with Gary Haugen, CEO of [International Justice Mission](#), and Bob Corker, U.S. Senator.

"One Small Act: A Virtual Reality Experience": Thousands will gather to watch Rotary's new virtual reality film and participate in one of the largest ever simultaneous VR viewings. Rotarians will use Google's virtual reality viewer, Cardboard, to join the extraordinary journey of a child whose world has been torn apart by conflict.

Jack Nicklaus, keynote speaker: [Jack Nicklaus](#), golf icon, philanthropist, and Rotary ambassador for polio eradication, will speak about sports, philanthropy, and the fight to end polio for good.



There were 33,000 convention attendees from 174 countries and geographic areas represented.

Why are we not surprised to find out that somehow Bill Wishard managed to get a seat in the front row and at the start of the opening ceremonies when one of the video cameras were used to project everything that was happening to all the attendees turned around to show people in the audience everyone saw Bill in the front row. Some how Bill knows how to get the best seat in the house wherever he goes!



Three great philanthropists took the stage at the general session, 12 June: (from left) Ashton Kutcher, Bill Gates, and John Cena.

While in Atlanta Bill and Bianca received calls from our winter time guest Tom Bos. He invited the Malibu Rotarians to attend a dinner of Michigan Past District Governors, who were all friends of PDG Tom, whose home club is the Rotary Club of Holland Michigan.

Both Bianca and Bill told us that it was very difficult to get into all the venues and breakout sessions they wanted to see at the RI Convention in Atlanta. Many events were far apart and it was hard to get to them. Bianca and Bill were both at last year's RI Convention in South Korea and felt that it was better organized than the one in Atlanta. There was a session on Rotary membership that they had wanted to attend and there was not enough room for everyone who wanted to attend. On some sessions they would allow people to hear the proceedings from outside the room, but the membership session was held behind closed doors.

Both Bianca and Bill also said that it is important to book reservations for lodging at least 1 year in advance. Rotary gets the best rates at hotels, but that is still a couple hundred dollars per night. Bill said he was able to book a nearby Airbnb (www.airbnb.com) for about \$50.00 per night and he had the top floor of a house.

Bianca wasn't originally planning to go the 2018 RI Convention in Toronto, but was so inspired by what she has seen, she decided to change her mind and has made reservation to attend the Toronto convention. She may be joined by several other members of the Malibu Rotary Club. Of course Malibu Rotary Club President Elect Carlye Rudkin will go, and new member Joy Arcenas is planning on going, and perhaps native Canadians Teresa Le Grove and Margo Neal may go too!

Other News from the Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Bianca Torrence, Bill Wishard, Joy Arcenas, Margo Neal and David Baird, as well as **Pete Allman and Alex Ayzin** represented the Malibu Rotary at the Rotary District Breakfast on July 18. Bill and Bianca briefly reported on the breakfast. Bill said there is another \$250 million commitment from Rotary to end polio with the help of Bill and Melinda Gates foundation. Besides the other giving each Rotary member in the district is supposed give \$18.26 (similar to your Happy Dollars contributions) which when matched by Gates will help Rotary reach its goal. From August 6 to August 7 Playa Venice Rotarian Rob DeCou will be running from Death Valley to the portal of Mt. Whitney in support of End Polio Now. There will be viewing parties across District 5280 to see Rob's run live, as well as the opportunity to cheer him on in person! More information to come on this "Run, Rob, Run" event. When Joy Arcenas was inducted as member at the Malibu Rotary July 19th meeting, in addition to dues and induction fee, she kicked in another \$20.00 for the End Polio Now campaign.

Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence said previously she would like to have the monthly breakfast meeting of the Malibu Chamber be attended by Malibu Rotarians and have it be our meeting of the day. There would be no meeting at Pepperdine on days of the Malibu Chamber meeting and post that the Malibu Rotary Club is meeting at the time and place of the Malibu Chamber meeting. Posting it this way should make it count as a make up for visiting Rotarians. Details of this have yet to be worked out. In addition Bianca would like the last Wednesday of each month be a Club Assembly Board meeting. There will be a board meeting on, August 2nd at 9:00 a.m., immediately following the regular meeting which will feature a craft talk by Michelle Santamaria, but on future end of month Wednesdays there will be no speakers scheduled and those meetings will be reserved for Club Assembly Board meetings. The August 2 Board meeting will include formation of committee on the proposed Halloween Party Fund Raiser. At the July 26 meeting Bianca said she had been contact b Dana at Fleet Street Bikes, which Bill reminds us is a project that trains kids who have been in trouble, and

were sent to a special school in Woodland Hills which, among other things, trains them to fix bikes. There are Rotary matching grants available for the Fleet Street Project and the Malibu Rotary Club has in the past donated \$250 for this project and intends to again. Bianca also passed out several things she had received from the Rotary District, including their Calendar for the year, and the printed Resources for Club Officers. Bill had a limited number of Rotary District Directories to pass out to club officers.

Guests at the last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting



President Bianca had invited two guests to the July 26 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club and after being introduced to club members both said they would be back. **Jose Angel Manoizo, Jr** is a tutor (Malibu A plus Tutor) who also is a member of a group of local business people called Malibu Finest Network that meets at noon each Wednesday at the Sunset Restaurant in Malibu and **Sarah Mirembe** is a Master student at Pepperdine's School of Public Policy. Sarah is from Uganda. Jose is from Honduras. Jose told us that when he came to this country he only could say one sentence in English, "Hi, my name is Jose." Since he's been here has learned to speak English fluently and went to UCLA, where he ultimately became a tutor for scholar-athletes. Among the students he tutored while at UCLA were this year's NBA MVP Russell Westbrook and tight end Marcedes Lewis, who was a 2006 first round draft pick of the NFL Jacksonville Jaguars, where he will starting is 12th year.

CALENDAR (see up to date calendar on maliburotary.org)

August 2 2017 Michelle Santamaria, Malibu Rotary Club's Newest Member Gives Her Craft Talk



There will be a Malibu Rotary Club Board of Directors meeting at 9:00 a.m. on August 2 following the regular Rotary Club meeting

August 9 2017 Sarah Furie Talks about Rotaract Club of the San Fernando Valley

August 16 2017 Samuel Osborne

“Pack a Bigger Punch, 7 Steps to Uncover Your Real Message”

Australian Samuel Osborne is a Researcher, Educator, Speaker & Author. As we learned when he first spoke to the Malibu Rotary Club Sammy has many other talents and is very entertaining.



He has just published a new book, "Pack a Bigger Punch, 7 Steps to Uncover Your Real Message"? Due for release Aug 21st. He is having a book launch on Monday 21st August at 730pm in North Hollywood.

Sam explains, "The central idea of my book is, 'you have a message within.' A message to share with the world in your own unique way. The book is written with Entrepreneurs and Speakers in mind. My talk will preview the 7 steps to uncover your real message.

"In the talk, I refer to 'a real message' as a musical instrument played by master. The musical instrument can express into sound the depths of the master for an audience. Similarly your real message expresses the depths of your value for your audience. "

Prior to commencing his speaking career, Samuel was a Living Statue Performer, an elementary School Teacher, and Professional Beatboxing and Sound FX Artist. Has published a science fiction novel, interviewed over 100 creative thinkers for his podcast, Think Like a Thought Leader. In 2015, Samuel was a Finalist for Arthur Garvey Speaker of the Year Competition in Australia. Samuel's personal interests are astrophysics, comparative mythology and dream interpretation. In his spare time, he bakes banana bread.

Following Samuel's program about the book he and John Elman plan to video record John's "Rotary Hip Hop Rap song. Rotarians and guests are invited to participate in this video recording which will take place immediately following the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

August 23 2017 Teresa LeGrove will give her craft talk



August 30 2017 Malibu Rotary Club **President Bianca Torrence Leads Club Assembly/Board meeting—no speaker scheduled**