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## **Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter**

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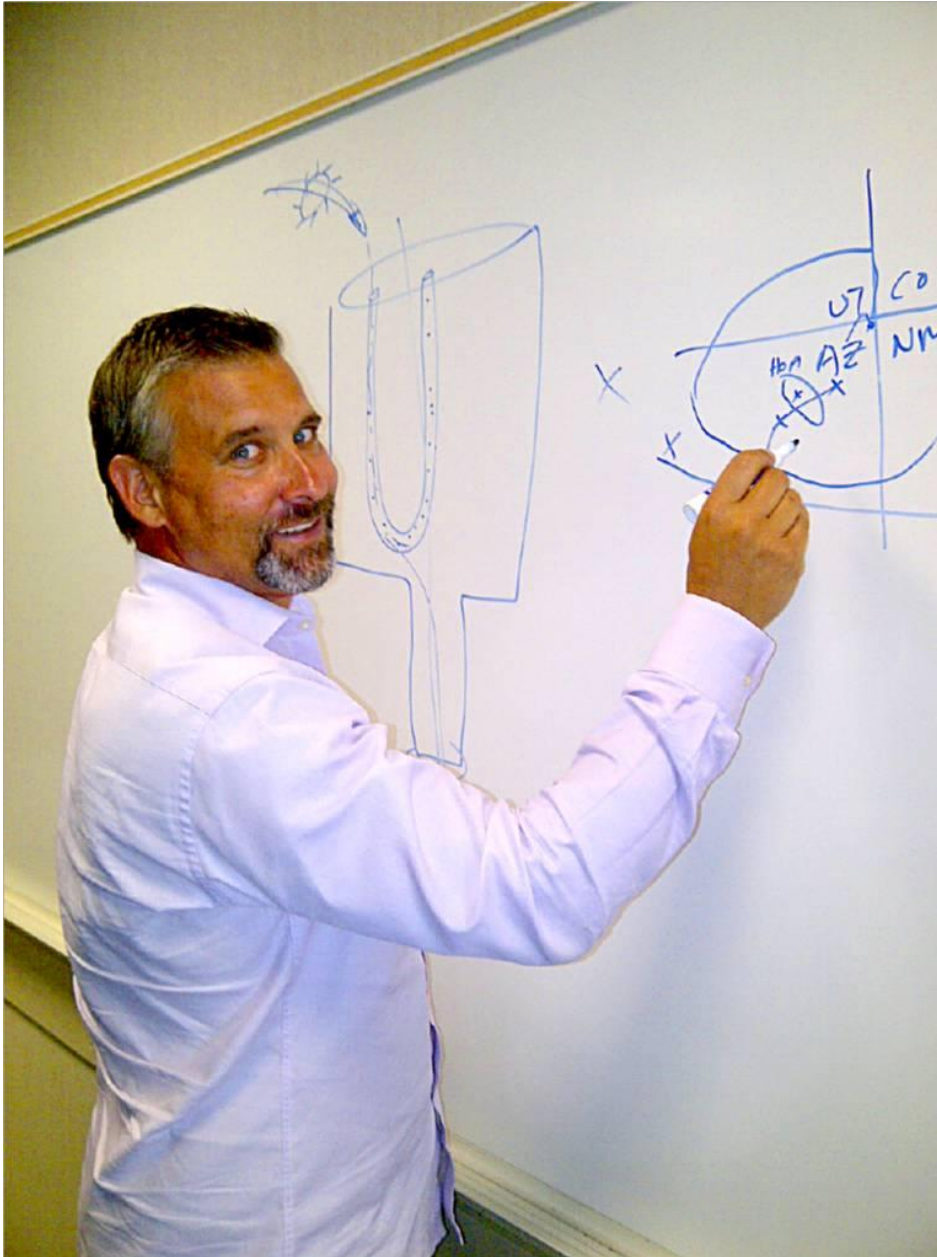
- Last Week David Zielski Talks about Raincatcher's latest installations
- Next Regular Malibu Rotary Club Meeting August 5 in Pepperdine University Malibu Upper Drescher Graduate Campus LC 152 with fellowship at 11:30 a.m and meeting starting at 12:00 noon. Speaker will be Malibu Rotary Club President Elect Delvin Glymph, who will talk about his summer in Colombia.
- Other News and Guests from last Malibu Rotary Club meeting
- Malibu Rotarians and friends Experience Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies July 25 at LA Memorial Coliseum
  - Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher.

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- Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)

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

## David Zielski Talks about Raincatcher's latest installations



Malibu Rotary Club President Dave Zielski is Executive Director of Raincatcher, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Malibu that implements affordable and sustainable methods for providing clean water. They accomplish this by harvesting and filtering rainwater. Most of their 106 installations are in Uganda, Kenya and India in areas where there previously was no clean drinking water. At the July 29 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club meeting David explained how the water filters work, and also new areas that RainCatcher has been asked to provide their services—on the reservations of the Native American

Navajo and Hopi Tribes in the states of Arizona, Utah and New Mexico.

The installations for the Navajo and Hopi tribes are for a different purpose and reason than the previous installations RainCatcher had done in other parts of the world. In the other countries the primary purpose was to provide clean drinking water. On the Black Mesa Reservation coal strip mines have made the water quality so poor that food crops cannot be grown. Nutrition and general health of the young people has been poor for years. The elders of these tribes would like the young people to be able to grow food crops, but the current land conditions do not allow it.

**David and RainCatcher to the rescue:** David will be in the Arizona, New Mexico, Utah area the next couple weeks taking to the elders of the tribes about installing RainCatcher systems.

### **How the Navajo and Hopi Tribes gave up their coal and water**

In 1964, Peabody Energy (then Peabody Western Coal), a [publicly traded](#) energy company based in the [Midwestern United States](#), signed a [contract](#) with the Navajo Tribe and two years later with the Hopi Tribe, allowing the company mineral rights and use of an [aquifer](#). The contract was negotiated by prominent natural resources attorney John Sterling Boyden, who claimed to be representing the Hopi Tribe while actually on the payroll of Peabody.<sup>[1]</sup> It offered unusually advantageous terms for Peabody and was approved despite widespread opposition. The contract is also controversial because of misrepresentations made to the Hopi and Navajo tribes.<sup>[2]</sup>

Peabody Energy developed two coal [strip mines](#) on the Black Mesa reservation: the Black Mesa Mine and the [Kayenta Mine](#).

Peabody Energy pumps water from the underground Navajo Aquifer for washing coal, and, until 2005, in a [slurry pipeline](#) operation to transport extracted coal to the [Mohave Generating Station](#) in [Laughlin, Nevada](#). With the pipeline operating, Peabody pumped, on average, 3 million gallons of water from the Navajo Aquifer every day.<sup>[3]</sup> The aquifer is the main source of potable [groundwater](#) for the Navajo and Hopi tribes, who use the water for farming and livestock maintenance as well as drinking and other domestic uses. The tribes have alleged that the pumping of water by Peabody Energy has caused a severe decline in potable water and the number of springs. Both tribes, situated in an arid semi-desert, attach religious significance to water, considering it sacred, and have cultural, religious, and practical objections to over-use of water.

Peabody's Black Mesa Mine used the slurry to pump its coal through pipes 273 mi (439 km) away, where the coal could be filtered and used in the [Mohave Generating Station](#) in [Laughlin, Nevada](#). The generating station produces energy for the southern parts of Arizona, [California](#) and [Nevada](#). This was the only coal slurry operation in the country and only plant that used groundwater in such a way.

Coal from the Kayenta mine goes on a conveyor belt to a silo where it is then shipped to the [Navajo Generating Station](#) coal plant.

The Black Mesa Mine's last day of operation was December 31, 2005. The Office of Surface Mining approved Peabody's permit request to continue operations at the mine on 22 December 2008. However, in January 2010, an administrative law judge, on appeal of that approval, decided that the Final EIS did not satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act because it did not take into account changed conditions, and vacated the approval.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

Operations at the Kayenta Mine continue today.



Special Olympics  
**WORLD  
GAMES**  
LOS ANGELES 2015

The Special Olympics was the idea of one woman, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, sister of President John Kennedy, who was trying to find a way to give rights, acceptance self worth to people with intellectual disabilities. It is apolitical, and not so much about winning or losing, or about which country or ideology you represent. It is about participating.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver believed in justice. But, in the late 1950s and early 1960s, she saw little justice in the way people with [intellectual disabilities](#) were treated.

She saw they were excluded and routinely placed in custodial institutions. They were often ignored and neglected, yet she knew they had many talents and gifts to offer.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver had a sister, Rosemary, who had an intellectual disability. She and Rosemary grew up playing sports together and with their family. The sisters swam, they sailed, they skied, they played football together. But in those days, there were limited programs and options for someone like Rosemary.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver went on to become an athlete in college. She began to see that sports could be a common ground to unite people from all walks of life.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver believed that if people with intellectual disabilities were given the same opportunities and experiences as everyone else, they could accomplish far more than anyone ever thought possible.

She put that vision into action in 1962 by inviting young people with intellectual disabilities to a summer day camp she hosted in her backyard. She called it "Camp Shriver." The goal was to explore the children's skills in a variety of sports and physical activities. The idea behind that first Camp Shriver began to grow. In July 1968, the first International Special Olympics Games were held in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

In her remarks at the Opening Ceremony, she said the inaugural Chicago Special Olympics prove "a very fundamental fact" -- that children with intellectual disabilities can be exceptional athletes and that "through sports they can realize their potential for growth." She pledged that this new organization, Special Olympics, would offer people with intellectual disabilities everywhere "the chance to play, the chance to compete and the chance to grow."

What began as one woman's vision evolved into Special Olympics International -- a global movement that today serves more than 4 million people with intellectual disabilities in more than 170 countries.

2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles has 6,500 athletes from 165 countries.

Bill Wishard coordinated Rotary District efforts for the Special Olympics games staged in Los Angeles July 25 - August 2, 2015. Bill helped charter a bus that took Malibu Rotarians and their families and friends, along with Rotarians from Calabasas, Woodland Hills, Santa Monica and the Westwood Rotary Clubs to the Opening Ceremonies at the Los Angeles Coliseum on July 25. 52 people were on the 55 seat bus. They joined 1,000 Rotarians, and 60,000 other fans at the opening ceremonies, wearing special yellow t-shirts created for the event.





**Pictured above—Rotary District 2015 Special Olympics Event Chair Bill Wishard, enjoying Opening Ceremonies along with Page Jones and his wife Jamie. Malibu Rotarian Tiffany Venable (seated behind Bill) is a volunteer for the Special Olympics at the Equestrian Center in Burbank .**

Bill also attended the closing ceremonies on August 2, and reported that it was an impressive lovefest of all the athletes, who danced to the music of OAR and high fived everyone they could. The closing ceremonies featured the official passing of the Special Olympics flag to Austria, hosts the games in 2017, the march of the nations and performances from Carly Rae Jepsen, O.A.R. and Andra Day.

Some 6,500 athletes took part in contests ranging from weightlifting to soccer. Although not everyone won gold, silver or bronze medals, every competitor received a performance ribbon and a chance to take to the victory stand following their competition. An estimated 500,000 people turned out to watch at venues in and around Los Angeles.

During the games, Jamaica's Kirk D. Wint waved to the crowd as he stepped out of his wheelchair and into the starting block for his 50-meter race. Then he propelled himself down the track with the use of his hands because he's unable to stand. He finished fourth.

In the 100-meter competition, Olivia Quigley of Brookfield, **Wisconsin**, ran with a red-white-and-blue scarf over her bald head and finished first in her division. Quigley, who has been undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer, is scheduled for surgery soon.

Away from the competitions, thousands of athletes lined up at a medical center at the University of Southern California for the games' Healthy Athletes program. Before it ended Saturday, more than 500 people, including some who could not hear at all, received needed hearing aids. More than 600 received new prescription glasses and more than 4,000 got new shoes.

Organizers say this year's Special Olympics will be the largest sports and humanitarian event in the world in 2015.

### **Other News and Guests at Malibu Rotary Club**

Part of the Malibu Rotary Club meeting July 29<sup>th</sup> Malibu Rotary Club President Dave Zielski talked about several district events that happened during the past week in which Malibu Rotarians participated—Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies and the success of **Bill Wishard** as chair of Rotary participation in that event, and also the Rotary District Breakfast the previous morning attended by Bill, David Z, Margo Neal and John Elman, where the keynote speaker was William P Magee, Jr., DDS, MD, co-founder of Operation Smile. Operation Smile is a worldwide children' medical charity whose network of global volunteers are dedicated to helping improve the health and lives of children and young adults. All who attended the district breakfast agreed that Dr Magee was one of the best speakers they ever heard, and were amazed by the life changing surgeries done for cleft palate and facial birth defects, generally in 45 minutes. People who spent their earlier years of their lives isolated from society with their faces covered, who did have enough face, who could not look in the mirror, could not smile even if they wanted to, were able to blossom into people who can smile and be productive members of society.

The only guest at the July 29 was **Kelvin Garvanne**, of the Westchester Rotary Club. Bill met Kelvin at the District breakfast the previous morning and invited him to the meeting, and he reported such a diversified background we hope to have him back as a speaker. He was born in Brooklyn New York, learned to speak Italian and went to School of Foreign Service. In 1976 he studied Arabic and Islamic studies. He spent a year in Colombia where he was able to convert his knowledge of Italian into Spanish. He later was in the entertainment industry and won an Emmy as host of Dollars and Cents. He later helped train the military in Arabic and Op 4 terrorist

training. His current occupation: a position called Human Terrain Analysis. Yup, we have to have a program to find out what this all means---sounds impressive.

### Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher

Clean drinking water is a problem affecting millions of people around the world. A Malibu company, RainCatcher, is trying to solve the problem in an efficient manner. Much of their work has been in Africa. The Malibu Rotary Club along with the Rotary Clubs of Beverly Hills, CA USA and the Rotary

Club of Entebbe, Uganda has applied for a Rotary Foundation Grant to assist Raincatcher. There are several videos available on You Tube that show the amazing things Raincatcher is doing bringing clean drinking water to places in Uganda and Kenya where there was previously no clean drinking water.

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to do Raincatcher installations and maintenance. In February The latest video showing what David and the Raincatcher people are doing in Africa was shown at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on August 20. A link to the video is now 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](http://malibuRotary.org))

**August 5 2015: Malibu Rotary Club President Elect Delvin Glymph, will preside over the meeting and will talk about his summer in Colombia**

Future Rotary Club and Rotary District Events

Filter records:

Kelly Tyler, Sr Librarian LA Public Library "Adult Literacy"

Aug 12, 2015

Literacy Breakfast at Lawry's Restaurant in Beverly Hills  
At Lawry's Restaurant, 100 N. La Cienga Beverly Hills.

The annual Rotary District Literacy Breakfast is a morning dedi  
vocational chairs, youth service chairs and any Rotarian wishin  
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Carmen Ramos Koros and Bianca RamosTorrence

Aug 26, 2015

Rosa O Ramos Foundation

**"In many Latin American cities, children as young as seven**



shining shoes, entertaining passers-by, begging, scavenging, and

Children in poverty. One of the pillars of any compassionate system

The Rosa O Ramos Foundation is a public organization dedicated to

shelter and medical support to those most in need in Churcam

and the sisters of the Ministers of Charity to provide these services

David Zielski	Sep 09, 2015	Club Assembly in Preparation for Rotary District Assistant Governor
Rotary District Beach Party	Sep 20, 2015	Rotary District Picnic at Seaside Lagoon in Redondo Beach Don't miss one of the most fun events every year- the District fellowship! - See more at: <a href="http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/Events">http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/Events</a>
Rotary District Assistant Governor Dwight Heikkila	Sep 23, 2015	Rotary District Report from The Rotary Assistant District Governor
Rotary District Breakfast #2	Oct 20, 2015	Rotary District Breakfast #2 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 Century Blvd
Rotary Foundation Celebration	Nov 14, 2015	Rotary Foundation Celebration "Seaside Serenade" at Lowes San
David Zielski	Jan 13, 2016	Club Assembly -- 6 month Rotary Year Review David Zielski and Malibu Rotary Club leadership review the club's
Rotary Peace Conference	Jan 15, 2016	Rotary Peace Conference in Ontario, CA Jan 15-16

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