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 - Rotary District 5280 Governor (2011-2012): Brad Robinson (2012-2012): Lewis Bertrand
 - Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Kevin Smith(2011-12) Julie Jenkins (2012-13)

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Malibu Rotary Club was Prime International Partner on two humanitarian projects in Puerto Rico and Malibu Rotary Club International Service Director Barbara Riley is shown holding the flags of the host Rotary Club sponsors of these projects, the Rotary Club of Arecibo, P.R. and the Rotary Club of Santurce, P.R.

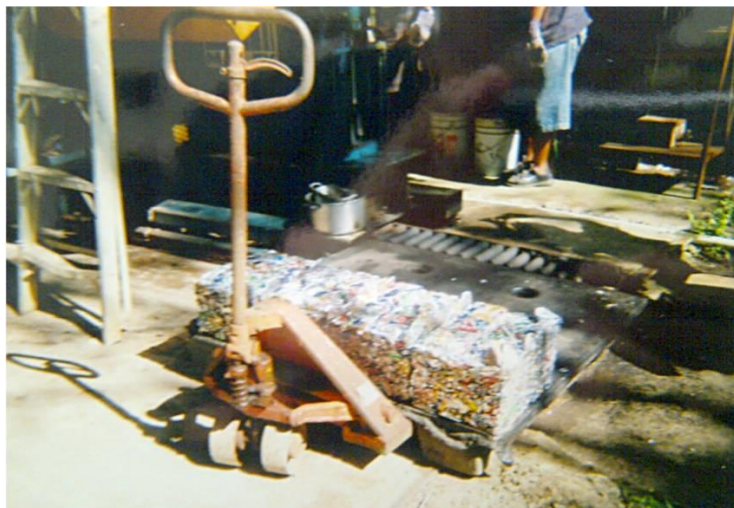
Barbara Riley lives in Massachusetts but, because of her long friendship with Malibu Rotarian Maggie Luckerath, and because she seems to travel as much as she is home, she is a member of the Rotary Club of Malibu in Rotary District 5280. She barely had her Rotary pin when she was appointed International Service Director of the Club, and since she always has her suit case packed, and is ready to go, she was sent to represent the Malibu Rotary Club, along with other Rotarians from District 5280, to visit humanitarian projects that Rotary clubs of District 5280 were cosponsoring in Puerto Rico. Although the projects were ongoing the special trip was February 8-13 this year.

Over 100 Rotarians were participants in the trip. There were thirteen projects in total of which the Malibu Rotary Club sponsored two of them. One was at the San Rafael Geriatric Center and the other was for the Mobile Recycling Center in San Juan. In addition, during her visit she participated in several extra curricular activities for the sponsored by the Rotary District including Wheelchair distribution and work at the Boys and Girls Club.

She said the welcome dinner was hosted by a local Rotary Club in San Juan. The festivities included a dance presentation given by physically and mentally challenged children. Pictures of these activities can be seen on the internet at <http://www.facebook.com/PuertoRico5280>.

Barbara said that her first activity was working with the Boys and Girls Club. The club was originally only a boys club until 1969 when the mission and name was changed to include girls. The Boys and Girls Club provides after school and weekend activities for children. The Rotary District donated 3-4 desktop computers for the children. While there, she participated in a rousing basketball game in the new gymnasium with other Rotarians and children from the club. Barbara said it was great fun and “hard to get our group off the courts and onto the bus!” While there Barbara presented the Malibu Rotary Club flag to the Vice President of the club, who told her that he’d participated in the Boys and Girls Club as a child and his young daughter is now an active member.

The second official project was the Mobile Recycling Center in San Juan. This is an organization in which the local workers collect aluminum cans from various locations around the city to be crushed and recycled and ultimately sold back to companies in Puerto Rico as well as J.R. Reynolds. The profits are channeled back into the Recycling Center. District 5280 funded the



purchase of forklift and can crusher. Barbara watched as they were explaining the process: cans are crushed into bundles which weigh 35 lbseach. Then the forklift piles the bundles on a pallet, which holds one ton of crushed aluminum (worth over \$1,000). Not only do the profits go back into the cost of running the center, but the workers that are hired are rehabilitating alcohol drug abusers. Barbara also presented the

Malibu Rotary flag to the administrator of recycling center Laura Blizzard.

In addition to the projects sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club, Barbara participated in several other humanitarian activities sponsored by the Rotary District. One of these was a wheelchair distribution center in Santurce. All of the Rotary participants opened wheelchair boxes and assembled and delivered 108 wheelchairs. Each wheelchair was outfitted with cushions and the name tag of each recipient—whose age ranged from elderly to very young children.



“It was a moving experience to stand in a large flower filled courtyard in a beautiful day to hear the recipients’ names called out and watch as families and friends came up to collect the wheel chair for their loved one.” Barbara gave a Malibu Rotary Club flag here as well and in return was given a Santurce Rotary flag which she brought to the Malibu Rotary when she gave us this presentation.

Another activity Barbara participated in was at the Centro Geriátrico San Rafael in Arecibo, where volunteers replaced all of the old air conditioners with new room sized units at the Center. This was the project where the Malibu Rotary Club was the Primary International Partner. Barbara presented the Center with a Malibu Rotary Club flag and received their flag in return, again bringing it back to present at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting.

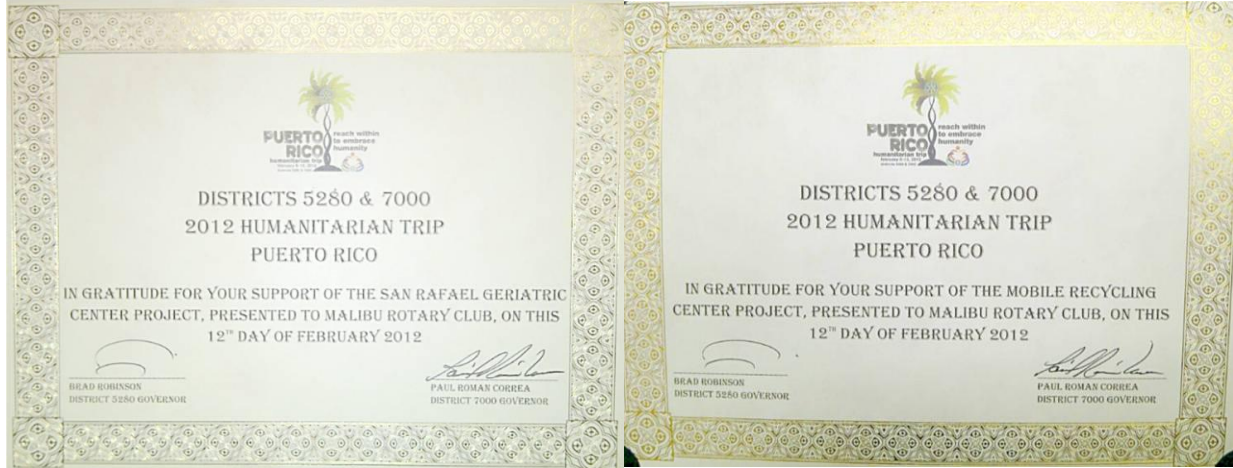
She also brought back another flag. At the hotel, before boarding the bus for the final night’s banquet, Barbara met a woman for Bangkok Thailand, and exchanged flags with her.

The closing banquet was a dinner with presentations. In attendance were John and Christa Ramey, Rotary District 5280 Governor Brad Robinson and his wife Catherine, and host Rotary District 7000 Governor Paul Roma Correa. One of the guests Barbara met was Ms Reiko Saketa Ph.D, a member of the LA 5 Rotary Club. She lives in Monrovia, CA, and is the Chair of the Myanmar Ophanages Water Systems Project. Barbara said she would like to discuss this project at a future Malibu Rotary Club meeting.

Barbara said that her five days in Puerto Rico were a whirlwind of activity! “I must say I found the trip to be highly informative, the projects valuable and, overall, a worthwhile endeavor which I was proud to be a part of. This is my first year attending one of these trips and I felt a strong

sense of camaraderie among the Rotarians attending, whose dedication to their mission is truly inspiring.

Besides the flags, Barbara presented the Malibu Rotary Club a photo album of her trip two Proclamations she was given from the two district governors thanking the Malibu Rotary Club for each of the two projects that it supported in Puerto Rico, The San Rafael Geriatric Center Project, and the Mobile Recycling Center Project.



Malibu Rotary Club International Projects in Puerto Rico



With matching grants from The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5280 (District Designated Funds [DDF]), and in partnership with other Rotary clubs in Rotary District 5280 and host clubs in Puerto Rico, the Malibu Rotary Club is involved in two humanitarian international projects in Puerto Rico in 2012. Barbara Riley (front row third from left) represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the *Centro Geriátrico San Rafael*, Arecibo, PR Rotary Project in February, 2012. Malibu Rotary was one of the lead sponsors of the project, along with 4 other Rotary Clubs from Los Angeles, CA Rotary District 5280 who also sent representatives.

Malibu Rotary Club was also a sponsor of a second project, *Hogar Santísima Trinidad* (HST) in Barrio Macarabones, Toa Alta, Puerto Rico which involves rehabilitating alcohol and drug abusers at the HST Center to train for job skills and also educate in recycling and train in solid waste management.

More on Rotary District 5280's humanitarian trip to Puerto Rico can be seen at <http://www.facebook.com/PuertoRico5280>.

In the *Centro Geriatrico San Rafael, Inc* in Areciba, Puerto Rico project the Malibu Rotary Club is the PRIMARY INTERNATIONAL PARTNER. 5 Rotary Clubs from Los Angeles along with Rotary Foundation and the host Arecib Rotary Club has helped the senior residential center purchase needed maintenance and repair tools, 8 energy efficient air conditioning units and a commercial sliding gate opener. This is a geriatric home for indigents founded in 1925. The Arecibo Rotary Club has been supporting them since 1935. This project costs \$15,585.00 of which the Malibu Rotary Cub and the Westchester Rotary Club have given \$1170.00 each. Other partner clubs are Culver City, Wilmington, along with the host Rotary Club of Arecibo. The most ambitious project (*Hogar Santisima Trinidad [HST]* in Barrio Macarabones, Toa Alta, Puerto Rico) involves rehabilitating alcohol and drug abusers at the HST Center (who are also highly likely to have HIV) to train for job skills and also educate in recycling and train in solid



waste management. HST is a private community based non-profit organization, offering a safe residential rehabilitation and treatment program to 35 young males addicted to drugs and /or alcohol, established in 1993. HST depends on income from their semi-industrial aluminum and metal recycling and processing program.

As part of their rehabilitation program, the HST implements occupational, physical and work therapies through their Mobile Recycling Center Program (MRCP). It consists in the training of

patients in the use of a fixed industrial recycling unit permanently located at the Center, where they learn how to process and recycle aluminum, car batteries, diverse metals and other materials under the close supervision of trained supervisors. They also pickup recyclable materials in nearby communities to process at the center. The project also addresses a problem of waste management in Puerto Rico. Studies done by the US Environmental Protection Agency have revealed that improper or insufficient capacity to dispose of solid waste in Puerto Rico has created public health problems. The management and disposal of solid waste in the Island has long been a challenge, aggravated by the limited space available due to its geographical size, roughly 100 mi by 35 mi, and its delicately balanced ecosystem and the large amount of solid waste generated, at 4,000,000 tons per year. Puerto Rico's residents generate more waste than people living on the mainland and recycling rates are lower. Much of Puerto Rico's waste ends up in landfills, most of which do not comply with local and federal governments' landfill requirements. The cost of HST Rotary project in Puerto Rico is \$22,570. The primary international club sponsoring this project is the Westchester Rotary Club. Malibu Rotary Club is an equal share holder with the Westchester Rotary Club, with each club contributing \$1570.00. Besides the host Rotary Club of Santurce, the Rotary Club of Torrance-Lomita is a partner in this project.

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Marine Sargent Winston Fiore Started his 5,000 mile Cross Country Motorcycle Trip in Malibu. His purpose is to bring awareness of children's cleft palette and raise money for the International Children's Surgical Foundation. The organization provides surgery, training for 3rd world surgeons, plus follow-up care for surgical correction of children's cleft palette disease. The US trip was in preparation for a 5,000 mile walking trip

across Southeast Asia which he began in September. Before he left he explained " My route will take me through eight different countries, beginning and ending in Singapore, and the yearlong trek will be an ongoing effort to raise funds for the ICSF and awareness for children

living with clefts in the developing world. I chose to base this trip in Southeast Asia because of the region's high prevalence of cleft births.”

Malibu Rotary Club is one of his sponsors. One surgery costs \$240.

See Winston’s blog at <http://www.smiletrek.org> (which includes multiple videos) as he travels across the world. As of April 11th he had collected \$40,404 for ICSF, over 81% his goal of \$50,000.

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

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Jun 27 2012

Prof. dr. George Pavlakos

"Global Law: obligations of justice beyond the borders of the nation state"

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Jul 18 2012

Mike Hebert

"Iradication of Polio in India--Rotarian NID Experience"

As a member of the Thosand Oaks Rotary Club (District 5240) Mike Hebert took part in the Rotary sponsored National Immunization Day (NID) in India. The World Health Organization (WHO) has now certified polio to be completely eradicated in India. Mike, who is the owner the Postal Annex in the Trancas shopping center in Malibu, will share his experiences at NID when he speaks to the Maibu Rotary Club on July 18,

"Malibu Rotary Club Assembly" Noon Lunch meeting at Tra di Noi Restaurant